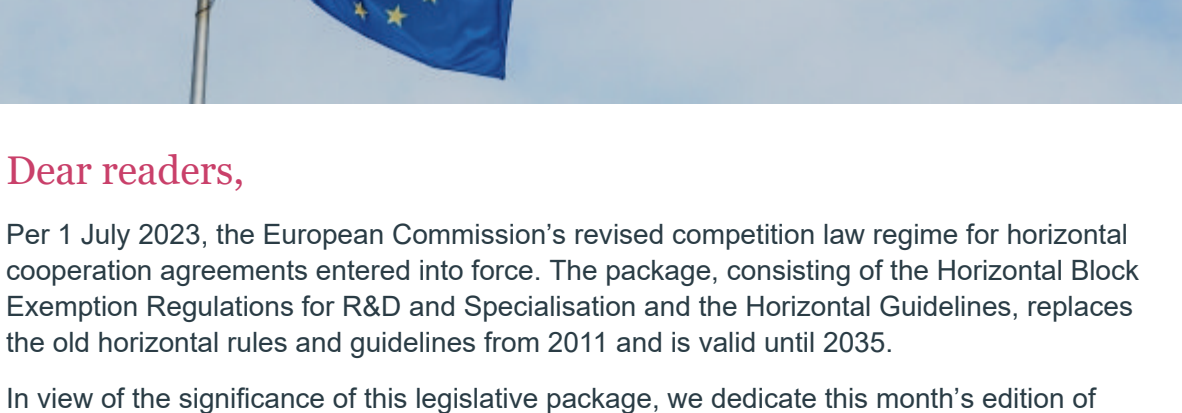


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New Horizontal Block Exemption Regulations & Guidelines



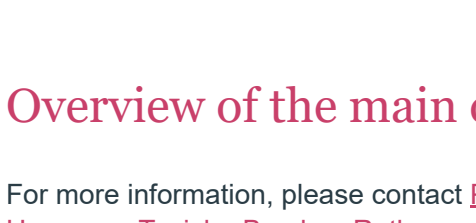
Dear readers,

Per 1 July 2023, the European Commission's revised competition law regime for horizontal cooperation agreements entered into force. The package, consisting of the Horizontal Block Exemption Regulations for R&D and Specialisation and the Horizontal Guidelines, replaces the old horizontal rules and guidelines from 2011 and is valid until 2035.

In view of the significance of this legislative package, we dedicate this month's edition of Competitive Edge to the European Commission's new legal framework and guidance for horizontal cooperation agreements. In a series of contributions from around our global competition team, we present the main changes in relation to competition law consideration of horizontal cooperation agreements from an EU perspective with a comparative look at relevant non-EU jurisdictions.

Happy reading – and as always – please let us know should you have any specific topics you wish the *Competitive Edge* newsletter or podcasts to cover.

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Save the date!

On 14 September at 13h CET, join us for an informative [webinar on the new Horizontal Block Exemption Regulations](#), hosted by Lexology.

Watch your inbox for more information coming soon!

Overview of the main changes

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Webinars and events



Informa course

Competition Law Summer School 2023

31 July - 4 August
Cambridge, UK | Downing College

This all-inclusive residential 5-day course will provide you with a firm understanding of the core principles of EU and UK competition law and economics, and their practical application.

The speaker lineup includes Bird & Bird competition experts:

[Anne Federle](#) - presenting on Hard Core Cartels: Principles and Practical Examples, on Day 1, Monday 31st July.

[Dr. Saskia King](#) presenting on 3 August:

- Chair's opening remarks
- A Practical Guide to Merger Proceedings
- Case Study: Mergers
- Navigating the Competition Process

[Get a 20% discount on your registration fee >>](#)

Webinar

EU Foreign Direct Investments regulations webinar: The Nordics - similar, yet so different. Key regional legal issues for you to consider!

18 September | 13:00 - 14:30 CET

Bird & Bird are delighted to invite you to a webinar which will help you successfully navigate the latest developments and legal aspects in the EU FDI regulations. Is increasing deglobalisation justified by protecting national security? At this FDI webinar we will take a closer look at the rationale for the FDI-regulations, the current state of play in the Nordics, the regulatory obligations and the relationship with national screening mechanisms, highlighting national similarities and pointing out some, sometimes surprising, differences.

In the webinar, we will cover:

- Background to the EU wide screening mechanism
- Current state of implementation
- Foreign Direct Investments, the who's, the what's and the processes
- Scopes and which sectors to pay special attention to
- Deal Terms & Negotiations

Our Competition partners [Morten Nissen](#) and [Katia Duncker](#), and associate [Alexander Bröchner](#), are speakers for this topical webinar.

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Conference

Lear Competition Festival 2023

26 - 29 September

Rome, Italy | WeGil | Largo Ascianghi 5

Bird & Bird is proud to be a partner of this unique four-day event in Rome focused on competition law, where participants will be able to gain a deeper understanding of specific antitrust issues through discussions, know-how sessions, networking events and much more.

On 28 September, our Rome-based Competition partner [Dr. Federico Marini Balestra](#) will moderate the plenary session [Antitrust Enforcement, Industrial Concentration and Political Power](#) with two prominent economists [Andrea Prat](#), Professor of Business and Economics, Columbia University and [Luigi Zingales](#), Professor of Entrepreneurship and Finance, University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

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Registration is free for companies and in-house counsel.

Others can receive a 20% Bird & Bird discount on the 3-Day pass by using the **code LCF23TwoBirds** when registering.



ERA Course

Cartel Enforcement in the EU: Advanced Competition law training

5 - 6 October 2023

Zagreb, Croatia

This training is addressed to staff of national competition authorities, lawyers in private practice and inhouse counsel dealing with competition law cases from all around Europe.

The seminar aims to provide a thorough update for competition law practitioners on the recent trends and developments in EU cartel enforcement.

Competition partner [Pauline Kuijpers](#) will lead the workshop exercise: **Unannounced inspections in the digital age - main issues and practical challenges** on October 6th.

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Course

Florence Competition Autumn School 2023

16 - 19 October 2023

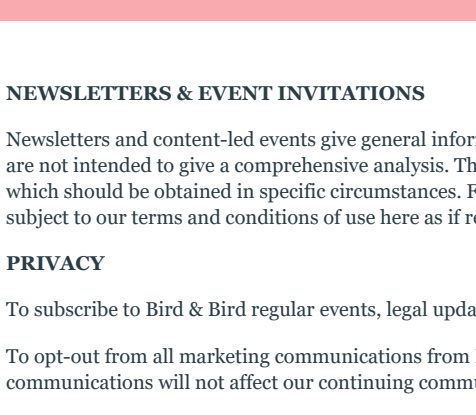
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The Florence Competition Autumn School, held on the campus of EU (European University Institute), is an advanced course on recent developments in competition policy in Europe, the USA and the rest of the world.

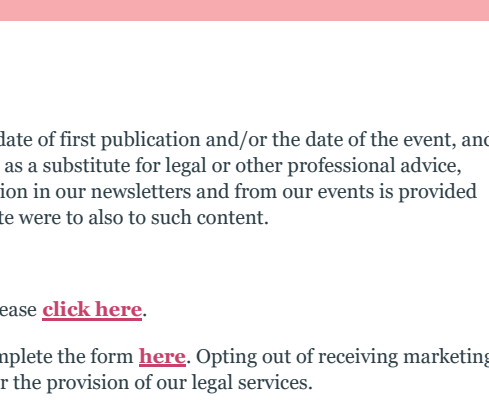
Our Brussels-based Counsel [Baptist Vleeshouwers](#) will make sure you are aware of the latest developments in **antitrust leniency applications** and **dawn raids** with a presentation followed by an interactive group exercise of a dawn raid simulation.

[Find out more and register here >>](#)

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