

Francesco Rosati

General Overview

Francesco Rosati is a Partner in RBB's Brussels office. He regularly advises clients on high profile investigations of mergers, anti-competitive agreements and abuse of dominance in a wide range of industries. His practice focuses primarily on cases before the European Commission and the French Autorité de la concurrence, but he also has significant experience in many other European jurisdictions. He also worked on several court and arbitration proceedings. He has a particular expertise in the development and application of empirical techniques to competition cases.

Francesco publishes regularly on the economics of merger control, Article 101 and Article 102 EC and has given a number of seminars and trainings on these topics, including at leading law firms. He holds an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and a PhD in Physics from the University of Rome. Before joining RBB he also undertook postdoctoral research at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris.

Experience

Francesco's experience spans both horizontal and non-horizontal mergers. Examples of Phase II cases he has recently worked on include Travelport / Worldspan, Nokia / Navteq and Heineken / S&N. He also worked on a number of high profile Phase I mergers such as Schneider Electric / Areva D. He was a main author of an RBB study for DG Enterprise of the European Commission providing guidance on the assessment of non-horizontal mergers.

He also has substantial experience in the field of Article 102, including competition issues in relation to IP rights. He has worked on high-profile cases on excessive pricing, as well as on cases of exclusive dealing, predation and abuse of collective dominance.

In the field of coordinated conduct, he has advised on several leading investigations of alleged cartels and information exchanges, such as Bananas, Bathroom Fittings, TV Picture Tubes and Temporary Workers Agencies, including on the assessment of damages.

He has advised clients in relation to investigations by competition authorities concerning a range of vertical restraints, such as RPM, exclusive distribution, single branding and restrictions on passive sales.

Sector Experience

Francesco has advised on competition law matters in a wide range of industries, including media, mobile telephony, healthcare, retail banking, transport, electronics, basic industries, petroleum products, computer software, food and drinks, and a range of branded consumer goods. Clients he has worked for include British Airways, Ericsson, Heineken, Lagardère, Panasonic, Procter & Gamble, Royal Canin, Schneider Electric and Shell.

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