SESSIONS

COMPETITION LAW & REGULATION IN THE TMT SECTOR - 03/11/2020

Competition Law & Regulation in the Telecoms, Media & Technology Sector

3 November 2020, Virtual Conference Delivered Live (CET Time) & On-Demand Afterwards

Introduction to the Platform & Virtual Networking

08:30 - 09:00

Chair's Opening Remarks

09:00 - 09:10

Participants

Gerwin Van Gerven - Partner, Linklaters LLP

A View from the Commission: Policy Developments in the TMT Sector

09:10 - 09:50 Regulating the TMT Sector

Participants

Rita Wezenbeek - Head of Unit Anti Trust Telecommunications, DG Competition, European Commission

Implementing the New Regulatory Framework

09:50 - 11:00 Regulating the TMT Sector

- Update on the Electronic Communications Code: implementation across Europe
- How are the NRAs approaching the Electronic Communications Code?
- Cost Reduction Directive
- Symmetric Regulation
- Regulation of co-investment in high capacity networks
- Extension of sector specific regulation to OTT networks
- · Net neutrality: review of BEREC's and 5G

Participants

Dan Sjöblom - Director-General, Swedish Post & Telecom Agency (PTS) and Chair, BEREC

Axel Desmedt - Member of the Council, BIPT

Thomas Roukens - Director Regulatory Affairs & Interconnect, Telenet

Aurélie Bladocha Coelho - Director, Communications & Public Affairs, FTTH Council Europe

Nina Cummins - Telecoms Public Policy Manager - Connectivity and Access, Facebook

Moderator:: Peter Alexiadis - Partner, Gibson Dunn

Virtual Networking Break & Informal Q & A Speakers in the Networking Lounge

11:00 - 11:20

Regulating the TMT Sector

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Regulating the Digital Sphere

11:20 - 12:00 Regulating the TMT Sector

- · Proposals for the new competition law tool
- · Proposals for the Digital Services Act
- Review of recent studies and enforcement including in the UK, USA and Australia
- How should the digital sphere be regulated?

Participants

Alberto Di Felice - Infrastructure, Privacy and Security, DIGITALEUROPE

Carel Maske - Director Competition EMEA, Microsoft

Annamaria Mangiaracina - Partner, Linklaters LLP

Merger Control: What is Next for Consolidation after Hutchinson-O2?

12:00 - 13:10 Merger Control

- Review of Hutchison vs Commission decision
- What does it mean for consolidation in the telecoms sector?
- Review of other significant mergers in Europe including Virgin Media and 02 merger
- Analysing remedies and their impact including Vodafone/ Unitymedia
- Consequences of consolidation for roll out of 5G and fibre

Participants

Eleonora Ocello - Policy Officer, DG Competition, European Commission

Nick Woodrow - Head of Competition Law, Vodafone

Katie Curry - Economics Director, Ofcom

Alex Olive - Director, Competition and Markets Authority (CMA)

George Houpis - Director, Frontier Economics

Moderator:: James Aitken - Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

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13:10 - 14:10 Merger Control

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Economics Perspective on Mergers in the TMT Sector

14:10 - 14:35 Merger Control

- · Economic issues in current cases
- Fixed-mobile bundling and conglomerate effects
- · Mergers in content and telecoms
- · Data and non-price factors in TMT mergers

Participants

David Foster - Director, Frontier Economics

Market Definition Review

14:35 - 15:05 Merger Control

- Where are we and what is next for the market definition
- Challenges of convergence for market definition
- Approaches to market definition

Participants

Tim Cowen - Partner, Prieskel & Co

Technical Break

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Network Sharing

15:15 - 15:55 Telecoms

- · Review of Broadband Cost Reduction Directive
- Analysis of different models of network sharing and their competition law implications
- Is there a tension between DG Comp and DG Connect with regards to cooperation in telecoms?
- How can investment in network layout be stimulated?
- Network sharing and cost-saving opportunities in the context of 5G
- · Cable as infrastructure
- · State aid for broadband deployment

Participants

Niamh Hodnett - Head of Regulatory Affairs, Three Ireland

Pascal Dutru - General Counsel, Qatar Communications Regulatory Authority

Anne Vallery - Special Counsel, WilmerHale

Addressing the Challenges of Multi-Sided Platforms

15:15 - 15:55 Technology

- Is the current competition law framework adapted to the systemic multi-sided platforms?
- Definition of a systemic platform, which criteria?
- What sort of practices should be regulated?

Participants

Florence Loric - Head of Legal, Wholesale, Commission for Communications Regulation

Guillaume Teissonniere - General Counsel & Company Secretary, eDreams ODIGEO Group

Thomas Vinje - Partner, Co-Chair Global Antitrust Group. Clifford Chance

Navigating Vertical Issues in the Media Sector

15:55 - 16:35 Media

- · Review of vertical infringements
- Update on Universal merchandising
- Where are we now with Pay-TV?
- What is the relationship between competition law and copyright?

Participants

Christoph Wagner - Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP

Jens Hackl - Senior Associate, Morrison & Foerster LLP

The Interface between IP and Competition Law

15:55 - 16:35 Telecoms

- Review of recent SEPs developments including Nokia investigation
- · Lessons learnt from Unwired Planet vs Huawei
- · Data base access
- Technology licensing including cross licensing and settlements
- Contractual issues, components / replacement supplies
- · A look to the USA

Participants

Adrian Howes - Head of IP and Standards, IP Regulatory Affairs, Nokia

Pauline Kuipers - Partner, Bird & Bird

Technical Break

16:35 - 16:40

Foreign Investment and Critical Infrastructure

16:40 - 17:25

Foreign Investment and Critical Infrastructure

- Rise of foreign investment control and implications for M&A in the tech sector
- What is the strategic approach of regulators to foreign investment in critical infrastructure?
- Review of 5G legal toolbox including implications for Huawei and sanctions
- The Commission's White Paper on an Instrument on Foreign Subsidies
- What does it mean for Huawei's involvement in European contracts?

Participants

Sandra Potlog - Legal Counsel – Competition, Telefónica UK (O2)

Michele Pastore - Senior Public Affairs Manager, Huawei

Christoph Barth - Partner, Linklaters LLP

Chair's Closing Remarks & Close of Conference

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