

EU competition and sustainability resource center

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Welcome to Dentons EU competition & antitrust resource center dedicated to sustainability. Our resource center includes webinar, podcasts and other materials focused on the EU Green Deal agenda as it applies to EU competition law. Below, we provide you with up-to-date and value-added content on the ongoing discussions and debate around the necessary adaptation of EU competition policy and enforcement to foster and facilitate competitor collaborations and innovation efforts to bring sustainable solutions to meet the climate change and biodiversity crises.

Starting with the Paris Agreement in 2015, continuing with the ambitious goals set forth by the EU in its proposed Green Deal, the world is waking up to the urgency of climate change and the preservation of biodiversity. The COVID-19 pandemic has also generated further debate about the need to take action. Here at Dentons, our lawyers have been increasingly confronted with demands from organisations looking into how to redefine their business practices and working styles to fit with ambitious sustainable and biodiversity goals. Our virtual roundtables fosters dialogue between industries and regulators as we discuss how antitrust policy and enforcement should adapt to support industry collaborations aimed at tackling climate change and biodiversity. Moderated by our EU competition law experts, the series includes discussions on perceived conflicts between EU sustainability goals and antitrust enforcement; changes to product and production processes; codes of conduct initiated by trade associations; as well as industry cooperation around innovation and the circular economy.

Episode 1: Unlocking environmental collaboration: making EU competition law fit for the Green Deal

Our featured panelists:

- Anna Colucci, Director, Energy and Environment, DG Competition, Brussels
- Michelle Gibbons, Director-General, AIM – The European Brands Association, Brussels
- Pascal Belmin, Head of EU Regulatory Affairs, Airbus Group, Brussels

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Related publication: Antitrust rules can play a 'very important' role in Green Deal, EU official says, *MLex Market Insight*, October 16, 2020

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Episode 2: From environmental best practices to standardization: how industry associations and coalitions can take the lead to meet the sustainability challenge?

Our featured panelists:

- Ekaterina Rousseva, Policy Coordinator, DG COMP
- Caroline Wolberink, Expert, The Netherlands Competition Authority
- Emma Trogen, Deputy Director General, Cosmetics Europe

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Episode 3: Collaborating on projects: how can the industry play the game collectively?

Our featured panelists:

- Pierre Régibeau, Chief Competition Economist, DG COMP
- Marc Van Audenrode, Managing Principal, Analysis Group

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Related publication: Green merger efficiencies to be looked at by EU 'discussion group,' Régibeau says, *MLex Market Insight*, November 18, 2020

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Episode 4: Competition law & recycling: what rules for the Circular Economy?

Our featured panelists:

- Gunda Rachut, Chair, Stiftung Zentrale Stelle Verpackungsregister (Foundation Central Packaging Register)
- Francesca Stevens, Managing Director, EUROPEN (The European Organization for Packaging and the Environment)
- Hans van Bochove, VP Public Affairs and Government Relations, Coca-Cola European Partners / Chairman, EUROPEN (The European Organization for Packaging and the Environment)

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Listen to our podcast

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