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Areas of expertise

COMPETITION AND ANTITRUST LAWYER

- Antitrust
- EU, German, French, and Belgian merger control
- State aid
- Economic sanctions
- Foreign direct investments control
- Digital markets



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Oct20 - present **Research Associate and Lecturer**
Vienna University of Economics and Business, Competition Law and Digitalization Research Group, Vienna
- Research in the fields of competition enforcement on digital platforms, platform regulations, algorithmic collusion and merger control;
 - Teaching competition law classes and supervising LL.B. and LL.M. theses;
 - Research grant by the Austrian Competition Authority;
 - Working languages: German, English, and French.
- Apr19 - Oct20 **Legal Consultant**
Willkie Farr Gallagher LLP, Antitrust and EU Law Practice, Brussels
- Notifications of mergers and joint ventures to the Federal Cartel Office and the European Commission;
 - Foreign investment control analysis notes and notifications of foreign investments to the German Federal Ministry of Economy;
 - Drafting research notes in German and English on CJEU case-law on cartels and Commission decisions on state aid;
 - Working languages: German, English, and French.
- Sep18 - Mar19 **Project Associate Lawyer**
Hogan Lovells International LLP, Antitrust, Competition and Regulatory Law Practice Group, Munich
- e-Discovery and document review in the context of ongoing antitrust investigations;
 - Drafting memoranda and legal opinions addressed to the European Commission or the Federal Cartel Office;
 - Working languages: German, English.
- Sep17 - Aug18 **Legal Consultant**
K&L Gates GP, Competition & EU Regulatory Law Practice Group, Brussels
- Monitoring the current legislative framework on economic sanctions, renewable energy and international aviation agreements;
 - Legal opinions on vertical restraints in the e-commerce sector;
 - Legal research and note on the concept of decision of association of undertakings;
 - Legal research on unilateral and vertical effects in mergers in the air transport sector;
 - Working languages: English, French, German, and Italian.
- May17 - Nov17 **Project Consultant**
ICF International, Competition Practice Group, Brussels / London
- Analysis, classification and mapping of DG Competition decisions related to mergers & acquisitions in the period 2005-2016;
 - Working languages: English, German.
- Sep16 - Apr17 **Associate Lawyer**
Arendt & Medernach S.A., Corporate / M&A Practice Group, Luxembourg
- Drafting protocols of general meetings of shareholders, contracts, annexes, amendments, certificates and articles of association;
 - Attending general meetings of shareholders and appointments with civil notaries;
 - Working languages: English, German, and French.
- Mar16 - Jul16 **Blue-Book Trainee Lawyer**
European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition (DG COMP), Brussels
A-1 Unit, Antitrust Policy and Strategy
- Legal and factual research work; drafting legal opinions related to:
 - Legal opinion on bid rigging and prohibited agreements;
 - Antitrust cases in sport and basic industries;
 - Policy paper on the introduction of mediation into antitrust enforcement;
- E-4 Unit, Mergers - Basic Industries*
- *HeidelbergCement / Italcementi and Pai / Nestlé / Froneri* - assessing questionnaires submitted by Bulgarian customers;
- A-3 Unit, Policy and Strategy - State Aid*
- Drafting reports and notes on the positions of Member States regarding the assessment of state aid by the European Commission;
 - Working languages: English, German, French, and Bulgarian.
- Jul15 - Dec15 **Legal Consultant**
Covington & Burling LLP, Competition Law Practice Group, Brussels
- Legal and factual research on the *Google Shopping* case; document review;
 - The interplay between standard essential patents and antitrust law;
 - Legal opinion on the development of EU competition law in the food supply chain;
 - Prohibition of re-imports of pharmaceutical products from third countries into the EU;
 - Advising the Council of the EU in proceedings before the CJEU (antidumping);
 - Market definition and replies to Requests for information in *Sanofi / Google / DMI - JV; FNAC / Darty and Hutchison / Telefonica*;
 - Working languages: English, German, French, and Bulgarian.

- Aug14 - Sep14 **Summer Associate**
White & Case LLP, Competition Law / EU Law Practice, Brussels
- Research and legal opinions on public enforcement of EU antitrust law and the Commission's method for calculating fines;
 - Merger notifications to national competition authorities and the European Commission;
 - Legal opinion on the independence and the competences of the Bulgarian Energy Regulation Authority;
 - Working languages: English, French, German, Bulgarian, Serbian, and Russian.
- Jul14 - Oct14 **Associate Editor and Co-author (trainee)**
Revue Concurrences, Paris
- Research on EU and French competition and regulatory law; edition of 'Grands arrêts du droit de la concurrence' by Laurence Idot;
 - Working languages: English, French.
- Aug13 - Sep13 **Junior Legal Counsel (trainee)**
Ministry of Finance, DG Economic and Financial Policy, Sofia
- Infringement procedures against Bulgaria - free movement of capitals, goods and the 6th VAT Directive;
 - Reports and legal analysis on the exemption of state support schemes for the construction of airports and train stations;
 - Working languages: English, French, and Bulgarian.
- Aug12 - Sep12 **Junior Legal Counsel (trainee)**
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DG International Security Policy, Sofia
- Research on Public International Law and the EU Common Defense and Security Policy;
 - The NATO - EU Partnership; energy security; the KFOR and the EULEX missions in Kosovo;
 - Working languages: English, French, and Bulgarian.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Apr21 - present **PhD Candidate in Competition Law**
Vienna University of Economy and Business (WU)
- Thesis: 'Gatekeepers' Special Responsibility under EU Competition Law'.
- Oct21 - present **Executive Master of Advanced Studies (Master 2) in International Relations and Diplomacy**
Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University
- Thesis: 'The European Union's Gas Policy and Russia: Between Dependence and Diversification'.
- Sep20 - Jun21 **Executive Master of Advanced Studies (Master 2) in Law of the Internet and Information Systems, distinction**
University of Strasbourg
- Copyright; e-Commerce; Trademark Law; Cybersecurity and Cyber-Crimes; Domain Name Law; Competition Law; Data Protection; Public Law and Platform Regulation; Labor Law and the Internet; International Private Law; Social Media Law; Software Licensing; Data Bases Law; Tax Law and the Internet; Information Technologies and Programming;
 - Thesis: 'Digital Platforms and Competition'.
- Feb20 - Sep20 **Aptitude Examinations by the Belgian Bar Associations, distinction**
French- and German-speaking Bar Association in Belgium, Brussels
- Qualifying examinations for admission as a Belgian attorney-at-law (*Avocat*);
- Sep14 - Jun15 **LL.M. European Legal Studies, distinction**
College of Europe, Bruges - Microsoft Excellence Scholarship; College of Europe merit-based scholarship
- Competition Law; Merger Control; State Aid; Intellectual Property Law; Law of the Network Industries; Internal Market Law; Common Agricultural Policy; EU Institutional Law; The EU Neighborhood Policy;
 - Thesis: 'Market Integration, Efficiency, and Interconnectors. How to assure fair cross-border trade of energy?'
- Oct13 - Jun14 **Master of Advanced Studies (Master 2) in European Union Law, Class of Excellence**
Paris II Panthéon-Assas University, Paris
Scholarship by the French Government
- Thesis: 'The European Patent in the Field of Biotechnologies. Patentability of Life Forms'.
- Sep12 - May13 **Master of Laws (Maîtrise) in European Law**
Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University - scholarship by the French Government
- Oct11 - Jun12 **Erasmus Exchange Program, distinction**
Paris II Panthéon-Assas University – Erasmus scholarship
- Mar09 - Oct12 **Diploma in Legal Studies (Diplomstudium "Rechtswissenschaften")**
University of Vienna, Vienna
First and Second Diploma Exams (erste und zweite Diplomprüfungen), Final Average Grade 'Good', High Honors
Third Diploma Exam (Dritte Diplomprüfung), Expected Average Grade (Vornote) 'Very Good', Highest Honors
- Sep03 - May08 **German A-levels (Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife), Best 1%**
91st German High School, Sofia - annual excellence scholarship by the Bulgarian Government

IT AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

German	Native speaker proficiency	Russian	Intermediate, very good understanding
English	Fluent, TOEFL iBT 105 / 120 (2017)	Italian	Basic knowledge
French	Fluent, TCF (2012)	Bulgarian	Native speaker proficiency
Office tools	Microsoft Office (Word, Power Point, Outlook, Notes, Excel), Adobe Acrobat		
Data bases	Lamy; Lextenso; Lexis Nexis; Dalloz; EURLEX; Strada; Jura; Beck Online; Manz; WestLaw; MLex; PaRR; Curia		

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Theater Play; Chess; Badminton; Swimming; Photography; Painting; History ; Psychology; Politics; International Relations; Economics