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EDUCATION

2022, Business Analysis & Valuation, London School of Economics, London, UK.
2016, MSc in Economics and Finance, Centro de Estudios Monetarios y Financieros (CEMFI), Madrid, Spain
2014, BSc (Hons) in Economics and Business Economics, Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022 - Present, *Senior Economist*, Compass Lexecon, Madrid, Spain
2020 - 2022, *Economist*, Compass Lexecon, Madrid, Spain
2019 - 2020, *Senior Analyst*, Compass Lexecon, Madrid, Spain
2018 - 2019, *Analyst*, Compass Lexecon, Madrid, Spain
2017 - 2018, *Economics and Regulation consultant*, KPMG, Madrid, Spain

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

International arbitration

- Commercial dispute in the motorway toll concession sector in a European country related to the assessment of damages due to alleged contractual breaches.
- Contractual dispute between two companies in the chemical industry operating in an Eastern European country.
- Electricity price review between an industrial consumer and a producer of electricity from renewable sources.
- Pre-assessment related to a potential electricity price review between an industrial consumer and a producer of electricity from renewable sources.
- Dispute related to alleged treaty breaches in relation to an investment in electricity generation assets in a Latin American country.
- Dispute regarding regulatory changes affecting certain electricity generation and distribution assets in an Eastern European country
- Commercial dispute related to investments in renewable energy in a South American country.
- Two commercial disputes regarding a long-term contract to transport crude oil between a company that operates oil pipeline infrastructure and its shareholders who make use of the pipeline.
- Liquefied natural gas price review dispute between a South-East Asian utility as a buyer and an Australian seller.
- Dispute between an international consortium of natural gas producers and a national company in Central Asia regarding the appropriate price of the gas sold.
- Dispute between a European Member State and a European investor regarding retroactive changes to renewable energy support schemes.
- Natural gas price review dispute between a European utility as a buyer and a seller from the Middle East.

- Forecasting electricity tariffs charged to final consumers by a utility in the Middle East as a part of a natural gas dispute between two middle eastern parties.

Antitrust

- Expert evidence in relation to follow-on damage claims arising from the 2015 CNMC decision on information exchanges in the distribution and marketing of motor vehicles market in Spain.
- Economic advice in the context of resale price maintenance practices in the heated tobacco products market in Romania.
- Collective proceeding against the parties to a cartel in the supply of high voltage electricity cables seeking to recover damages for any loss which flowed through to domestic electricity bills in Great Britain.

Other

- Third party submission to the Competition and Markets Authority in relation to the redetermination of the remuneration of a number of water and wastewater companies in the United Kingdom.
- Due diligence procedures undertaken upon the (partial) sale of large vertically integrated utilities in Spain.
- Analysis of the Spanish natural gas retail market, development of different entry strategies, and simulation of the expected profits under different scenarios.
- Analysis of Power Purchase Agreements between large consumers and producers or electricity retailers in Spain.
- Analysis regarding the regulated rate of return for electricity distribution activities in the European Union.
- Analysis of the regulated rate of return for renewable energy technologies in Spain.

HONORS

- 2016-2017, Doctoral scholarship, awarded by CEMFI based on academic merit
- 2014-2016, Tuition fees exemption and scholarship for living expenses, awarded by CEMFI based on academic merit
- 2011-2014, Utrecht Excellence Scholarship, awarded by Utrecht University based on academic merit

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English (fluent)
- Spanish (fluent)
- Macedonian (native)
- Bulgarian, Serbian, Croatian (Intermediate)

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