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EDUCATION

- MSc Competition and Market Regulation, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Barcelona, Spain
- MA European Economic Studies, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium
- Master's Degree in Economics, University of Namur, Namur, Belgium

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026 – Present, *Executive Vice President and Head of Brussels Office*, Compass Lexecon, Brussels
2020 – 2026, *Partner*, Oxera Consulting, Brussels
2014 – 2020, *Case Handler*, European Commission DG Competition (units B4, B1, and C5)
2010 – 2014, *Senior Associate*, RBB Economics, Brussels
2006 – 2010, *Consultant*, LECG Consulting, Brussels

SELECTED CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Mergers & acquisitions

- Nokia/Infinera, telecommunications (2024 – 2026)
Advice in relation to EU and multijurisdictional merger control filings.
- Mars/Kellanova, FMCG (2024 – 2026)
Advice in relation to EU and multijurisdictional merger control filings.
- AMD/ZT Systems, technology (2024 – 2026)
Advice in relation to EU and multijurisdictional merger control filings.
- Arçelik/Whirlpool, home appliances (2022 – 2024)
Advice in relation to EU and UK merger control proceedings. The transaction received unconditional Phase I clearance from the European Commission and Phase II clearance from the Competition and Markets Authority.
- Novozymes/Chr. Hansen, bioscience (2022 – 2023)
Advice in relation to EU and multijurisdictional merger control filings. The transaction received Phase I clearance from the European Commission subject to remedies.
- Teleperformance/Majorel, business services (2023)
Advice in relation to EU and multijurisdictional merger control filings, resulting in Phase I clearance.
- MOL/OMV Slovenija, fuel (2022 – 2023)
Advice in relation to EU merger control proceedings, resulting in Phase II clearance subject to remedies.
- Rivulis/Jain Irrigation, agritech (2022)
Advice in relation to multijurisdictional merger control filings, resulting in unconditional clearances.

- TF1/M6, media (2021 – 2022)
Advice in relation to the French Phase II merger control investigation. The proposed transaction was subsequently withdrawn.
- Flender/Moventas, energy (2021 – 2022)
Advice in relation to German merger control proceedings, resulting in unconditional Phase I clearance.

Antitrust

Stéphane advised clients in relation to Article 101 and Article 102 TFEU investigations, such as:

- Air Caraïbes/Air Antilles, aviation (2022 – 2023)
Advised defendants in relation to the French Competition Authority's investigation into suspected anticompetitive agreements.
- International Padel Federation and Professional Padel Association vs World Padel Tour (2022 – 2023)
Advice regarding exclusivity contracts of padel players.

SELECTED PUBLIC SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Merger experience during tenure at the European Commission.

- Nvidia/Mellanox, semiconductors (2019)
- Telia Company/Bonnier Broadcasting, telecommunications (2019)
- IBM/Red Hat, software & technology (2018 – 2019)
- Microsoft/GitHub, software (2018)
- Sony/EMI Music Publishing, media (2018)
- Bayer/Monsanto, agribusiness (2017 – 2018)
- Statoil Fuel and Retail/Dansk Fuels, fuel (2015 – 2016)
- Siemens/Dresser Rand, oil & gas equipment (2014 – 2015)
- BP/Statoil Fuel and Retail Aviation, fuel (2014)

PUBLICATIONS

S. Dewulf, T. Klein, A. Mell and A. Shchepetova (2023). "EU and UK Vertical Merger Control: What's the State of Play?" *Journal of European Competition Law & Practice*, 14(2), 113-120.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- French – Native
- English – Fluent

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