

## Press release

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**Theon van Dijk, currently director at E.CA Economics' office in Brussels, will be the new Chief Economist at the Dutch Authority for Consumers & Markets (ACM)**

E.CA Economics, one of the leading European economics consultancies, and ACM, the Dutch competition authority, have announced that Theon van Dijk will be joining ACM as the new Chief Economist as of 1 October 2019.

Theon has worked in senior positions for major international consultancies in London and Brussels and founded Lexonomics in 2005. Between 2013 and 2015, he held the (rotating) position of the Chief Economist at the European Patent Office in Munich. In 2016, he joined E.CA Economics as a director in the Brussels office.

Hans W. Friederiszick, director and founder of E.CA Economics, said: "We have highly valued Theon's contributions to our firm and are proud of his new appointment as Chief Economist at ACM."

Rainer Nitsche, director and founder of E.CA Economics, said: "During his time at E.CA, Theon impressed us with his eye for the essence in complex cases. He has steered a number of high profile merger, abuse and cartel cases. Combined with his previous experience with an agency, this makes him the perfect candidate for the chief economist position."

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## About E.CA Economics

E.CA Economics works on central topics in the field of competition policy and regulation. These include case-related work on European competition matters, such as merger, cartel, antitrust or state aid cases, economic analysis within regulatory procedures and studies for international organisations on competition policy issues. E.CA Economics applies rigorous economic thinking with a unique combination of creativity and robustness in order to meet the highest quality standards of international clients. E.CA has offices in Berlin and Brussels.

The E.CA leadership team comprises four directors: Hans W. Friederiszick, a former member of the Chief Economist Team of DG Competition, Rainer Nitsche, a former Vice President of the economics consultancy firm CRA International, Simone Kohnz, expert consultant with over ten years of experience and Vincent Verouden, former Deputy Chief Economist at DG Competition. Together they combine extensive consulting experience with practical experience of regulators' approaches.

E.CA Economics is a partner of ESMT Berlin. As the partner of this international business school, E.CA Economics benefits from the in-depth business experience of ESMT's faculty as well as from the

exceptional research capabilities of ESMT professors specialised in industrial economics, finance and quantitative methods.

E.CA Economics cooperates with Bates White LLC, a leading US economic consulting firm with more than 150 professionals, to address clients' concerns arising in international and transnational competition matters within the purview of EU and US regulatory authorities.