

Press release

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Gregor Langus joins E.CA Economics

E.CA Economics, one of the leading European economics consultancies in the areas of mergers, cartels, antitrust and state aid, has announced that Gregor Langus will be joining their Brussels office as a director as of today.

Gregor Langus, who holds a Ph.D. from the European University Institute Florence, can look back on more than six years of work experience at the Chief Economist Team, DG COMP. During his two terms at the CET, he collaborated closely with three different Chief Economists and served under three Commissioners. In addition, Gregor held senior positions with major international consultancies in Brussels - CRA and Compass Lexecon. In these diverse roles, Gregor carried out economic analyses and produced written testimonies in some of the most visible merger and antitrust cases. For example, Gregor worked recently on the Dow-DuPont, Arianespace-ASL, Microsoft-LinkedIn and IBM-Red Hat mergers. Gregor also testified for Disney in the Pay-TV investigation and advised in the EC's investigation into Standard Essential Patent licensing practices. He is also a lead author of several policy studies for the European Commission in the field of Intellectual Property and Telecommunications.

Hans W. Friederiszick, one of the founding directors of E.CA Economics, commented: "Gregor is an outstanding economist. He has steered complex analyses and delivered strategic advice for the competition authority as well as the companies concerned. This complementary experience gives him a unique understanding of how to direct top tier competition cases towards success."

Rainer Nitsche, the other founding director of E.CA, added: "Gregor has been advising on a range of complex antitrust matters, often in the ICT sector and in matters involving IP and innovation. Overall, he relies on more than 13 years of consulting experience in various sectors. His joining E.CA will greatly strengthen our Brussels office and our commitment to grow our presence there. I am very much looking forward to working with him."

Gregor published in various international academic journals in the area of competition policy, amongst others, in the International Journal of Industrial Organization, the Journal of Industrial Economics and the Journal of Competition Law and Economics, and contributed to several public reports for the European Commission.

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About E.CA Economics

E.CA Economics is one of the leading economic consultancy firms providing case-related advice and research in the fields of competition policy and regulation. This includes case-related work on European competition matters, such as merger, antitrust or State aid cases and 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.

The E.CA leadership team comprises five 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, with over 10 years of experience in economic consulting, Thomas Hildebrand who joined E.CA in 2011 and Gregor Langus, a former member of the Chief Economist Team of DG Competition. Together they combine extensive consulting experience with practical experience of regulators' approaches.

Our international team of economists, more than half of whom hold a PhD or Dr, collaborates with our partner consultancy Bates White in the USA, with the faculty of the international business school ESMT Berlin and with other affiliated experts. Over the last almost 15 years of the company's history, E.CA Economics has built up an excellent reputation and has established itself as a key player in the European market, particularly through reliable high quality.

We work in a dynamic and international environment. Our main offices are based in the centre of Berlin with around 35 employees and in Brussels with additional 10 employees.