

Press release

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Lars-Hendrik Röller rejoins E.CA Economics

As of February 2022, Prof. Lars-Hendrik Röller, PhD, will rejoin as a director the European economics consultancy E.CA Economics. Lars-Hendrik Röller served as the first chief economist with DG Competition at the European Commission, and recently as the chief economic advisor to the German Federal Chancellor, Angela Merkel. He is a proven expert in industrial economics and has unique expertise in providing economic advice in competition cases. His key topics of interest will include digital, energy, health and transportation markets, and he will be responsible for driving the international business at E.CA Economics.

E.CA Economics was founded in 2007 by directors Dr Hans W. Friederiszick, Dr Rainer Nitsche, and Prof. Lars-Hendrik Röller, who was at the time president of ESMT Berlin, a leading business school in Germany. As an expert in competition economics, Lars-Hendrik Röller advised numerous international companies, governments and international organizations on mergers, cartels, abuse and state aid cases.

In July 2011, he took on the position as the chief economic advisor to Angela Merkel in the German Federal Chancellery. “Welcoming Lars-Hendrik Röller back at E.CA Economics feels like a reunification. As a co-founder of E.CA, he helped to initiate what turned out to become a corporate success story. I look forward to continuing on E.CA’s growth path together,” says Hans W. Friederiszick. Rainer Nitsche adds: “As one of the leading empirical academics, he will add significant value for our clients with his analytical skills and experienced opinion.” Lars-Hendrik Röller will also resume his activities as a professor at ESMT Berlin.

Lars-Hendrik Röller’s academic career began in 1983 as a research assistant at the department of economics at the University of Pennsylvania. He then taught as a professor at the business school INSEAD in France and also became director of the research unit for competitiveness and industrial change at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center. In 1995, he was appointed professor of industrial economics at Humboldt University in Berlin. In September 2003, Röller took up the position of chief economist for competition policy at the European Commission. He was president of ESMT Berlin 2006-2011, and in the year 2007 he was one of the founders of E.CA Economics.

Lars-Hendrik Röller holds a PhD in economics from the University of Pennsylvania. He holds a master of arts in economics and a master of science in artificial intelligence, both from the University of Pennsylvania, and a bachelor of science in computer science from Texas A&M University.

Lars-Hendrik Röller has served as chairman of the German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik) and president of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE). He is a fellow of the European Economic Association and a member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences.

About E.CA Economics

E.CA Economics is one of the leading European competition economics consultancies, advising law firms, companies and authorities in the fields of competition policy and regulation. This includes work such as mergers, antitrust or state aid cases and economic analyses within regulatory procedures as well as studies on competition policy issues for international organisations. Our international team of over 40 economists work in a wide variety of sectors and in numerous European jurisdictions. Our offices are based in Berlin, Brussels, London and Munich.

We contribute substantial value to our clients by providing tailor-made advice built on robust economic analyses and thorough research. As a partner of ESMT Berlin, a leading business school in Germany, E.CA Economics can draw on the latest economic research. On transatlantic cases, we work jointly with our US partner firm, Bates White LLC. E.CA Economics has been named in Global Competition Review's annual ranking of the top 23 consultancies for antitrust economics advice since 2008. www.e-ca.com

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