

# schönherr eu & competition

a short overview of schoenherr's eu & competition practice



## schoenherr attorneys at law

schoenherr is a leading full service law firm in Central Europe. Operating in a rapidly evolving environment, we are a dynamic and innovative firm with an effective blend of experienced lawyers and young talent. As one of the first international law firms to move into CEE/SEE, we have grown to be one of the largest firms in the region. With 12 offices and several country desks, our comprehensive coverage of the region means we can offer solutions that perfectly fit the given industry, jurisdiction and company.

## team eu & competition

schoenherr's competition practice advises clients from across all industries in merger control, anti-trust and state aid matters on the European and national levels throughout the firm's comprehensive network in Central Europe.

## merger control

schoenherr is widely recognised for its expertise in European and national merger control. In Austria, it is one of the leading firms in this area and handles about 50-70 domestic filings per year, which accounts for roughly 25% of all filings submitted to the Austrian Federal Competition Authority. schoenherr's competition team has a similar reputation in its other jurisdictions. This allows the practice group to act as a one-stop-shop for clients in multi-jurisdictional transactions. The team is regularly retained for notifications to the European

Commission (EC) and has demonstrated its ability to "get things done", for example in the recent complex proceedings in REWE/ADEG and VIG/sVersicherung, both of which were cleared subject to conditions in Phase I and entailed the subsequent cooperation with divestment trustees.

## anti-trust

schoenherr has built up a notable track record in anti-trust cases (cartels and abuse of market dominance) and non-litigious competition matters (cooperation agreements, JVs, distribution agreements). The practice group has acted on behalf of clients from a wide array of industries, including pharmaceutical, paper/packaging, banking and insurance, construction, energy, food, sanitary, engineering, waste management, media and trade.

The team has participated in virtually all noteworthy antitrust cases in Austria in the recent past. Its record in the Czech Republic is equally strong. The team is recognised for its anti-trust expertise in its other jurisdictions as well, where it has been involved in numerous proceedings before national authorities. Based on its strong position in Central Europe, the group has been, and continues to be, involved in several important investigations by the EC into alleged anti-competitive behaviour, and naturally represents its clients also in subsequent appellate proceedings before the European courts.

schoenherr further carries out compliance programmes for clients from a wide range of industries, such as cement, aviation, pulp and paper, building materials, insulating and energy, in order to avoid potential competition law issues. These programmes entail assistance in the building up of compliance organisations, preparation of compliance manuals, ongoing training of employees and auditing compliance with competition rules.

## liberalisation & state aid

schoenherr's EU & competition team also features one of Austria's most prominent practices in liberalisation and state aid. At the peak of the recent financial and economic crisis, the team advised a number of Austrian banks in how to apply and implement the EC's complex framework notices as well as the Austrian anti-crisis legislation. schoenherr's state aid lawyers routinely assess innovative projects on the availability and compatibility of state aid. The team also handles complex issues of *ad hoc* aid and recovery procedures, as well as problems involving private enforcement of state aid violations.

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