



EU Law and Policy

Today the world operates within a complex political and regulatory environment. The way in which businesses and governments interpret and influence the developments within this environment is crucial to their ongoing commercial success.

Effective management of this environment is key to the way in which you are perceived by the markets and by political, regulatory, media and consumer audiences.

Our objective is to help our clients, whether business or government to navigate their way through the complex network of regulation, legislation and standards that govern global policy making; to understand policy creation and decision making processes across the EU and beyond; and to ensure their opinion is heard and heeded in Brussels, Geneva, London and other global capitals.

DLA Piper has assembled a dedicated team to lead this work, who enjoy the support of the largest legal services provider in the world. We understand Government and Policy Making and we recognise that it is founded on the Law.

Unlike any other firms, our team is drawn from skilled professionals with long-standing experience, including at the most senior levels, in EU and national regulatory authorities and international organisations. We have a significant presence in EU Law and Policy in London, Brussels, and the rest of the firm's global network. We work closely with the Federal Law and Policy group in Washington.

CAPABILITES

Government affairs and diplomatic support

DLA Piper's dedicated team provides the full range government affairs and diplomatic support services which we are able to tailor to the needs of the respective diplomatic mission.

DLA Piper regularly advises foreign governments and as such has a number of highly specialised experts and senior advisors. In addition, we build on an excellent network of contacts throughout the European Institutions (European

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Commission, European Parliament and European Council/Member States) and beyond including the European External Action Service (EEAS).

For our activities we provide key experts from within our firm but also external experts from within our international network. On behalf of our clients – including diplomatic missions in Brussels – we have engaged experts from the European Commission (from Commissioner level down to specialists within the various Directorates-General), the European Parliament – a wide range of Members of the European Parliament are included as part of our professional engagements and have assisted in diplomatic training programmes and bilateral meetings. The same is true for the ambassadors and permanent representatives, in particular those engaged in the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy and External Relations.

We also engage leading academics and journalists and correspondents in our programmes.

Our services include:

- Stakeholder mapping
- Monitoring, analysis and reporting
- Policy briefings
- Meeting programmes and background briefings
- Agenda setting
- Strategic advice
- Public diplomacy
- Media and communications
- Legal and EU regulatory advice

Public policy

We represent clients on a range of issues relating to highly regulated sectors including financial services, insurance, life sciences, food and beverage and manufacturing. We have enabled our clients to attain not only 'ahead of time' information concerning forthcoming proposals, and have positioned them as the first point of call for legislators seeking to discuss the industry position and perspective with those operating on the ground.

We are in frequent direct contact with those formulating the legislative agenda for the forthcoming term, and the Directorate charged with steering proposals under the new European Commissioner. We regularly discuss up-coming initiatives with the Commission.

Our clients come from a range of backgrounds and standpoints, and not only originate from inside the European Union. We specialise in representing multinational and transatlantic clients doing business within the European Union.

By having specialist EU Law and Policy experts, we are able to identify pieces of forthcoming legislation which may additionally impact upon our clients. By building long term relationships, we fully understand their needs and objectives, to ensure no crucial developments are missed.

Our services include:

- Early warning and intelligence gathering on regulatory developments
- Influencing and shaping the forthcoming law and policy

- Developing compliance programs and assessing the commercial impact of changes
- Dealing with contentious and non-contentious legislative developments
- Contact building, briefing and platform building using our networks
- Positioning clients as key stakeholders to decision makers
- Long term agenda setting
- Government relations training
- Pan European alliance building
- Crisis management and media monitoring

EU internal market

Many international companies fail to get the most out of the markets that they operate in. To maximise the use of these markets, we regularly assist our clients to exploit existing regulatory instruments, lobby decision-makers for market access improvements, and influence regulatory approvals.

Capacity building

As well as providing direct technical and strategic advice, DLA Piper's EU Law and Policy team has developed a comprehensive suite of training courses to help build the longer term capacity of public officials, diplomats and business people equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to become an effective negotiator or operator across the US, EU and its Member States and beyond.

EXPERIENCE

- Designed and delivered a four-part revolving training programme for diplomats and senior officials on the EU institutions and decision making processes with intensive practical content focussed on how to approach the EU and ensure effective influencing.
- Advised a non-European airline which had been placed on the EU's list of banned carriers to manage its relations with the European Commission, develop a corrective action plan and secure its removal from the list.
- Worked and continues to work with major companies in the air passenger and cargo sectors to monitor, engage in and influence EU and national rulemaking covering areas such as passenger rights and security.
- Organisation of high-level briefing sessions for clients with drafting team in both the Commission and European Parliament on the Solvency II Directive.
- Representing a major insurer EU & UK regulatory affairs focused on a wide range of policy developments including insurance, data protection and EU/ US regulatory dialogue.
- Representing a trade association from a Managing Director and Secretariat perspective in relation to all interactions across the EU and legislative policy issues.
- Advising a major financial services organisation in relation to their UK stakeholders engagement.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Israel Group News May 2019

9 MAY 2019

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In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

EU Policy & Regulatory Update: EU Adds 8 Russian Officials on Sanctions List in response to Kerch Strait and the Sea of Azov Incident

19 MAR 2019

On 14 March 2019, the Council of the European Union adopted Council Implementing Regulation 2019/409 and Council Decision (CFSP) 2014/145 adding eight Russian officials to the list targeting those "undermining the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine".

Data privacy law: the top global developments in 2018 and what 2019 may bring

25 FEB 2019

In 2018, the world saw numerous significant privacy law developments, a trend that is continuing in 2019.

Israel Group News

12 FEB 2019

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In this issue, the rise of the Data Protection Officer, plus news and coming events.

What next as the UK Supreme Court rules on validity of Scottish EU Continuity Bill?

18 DEC 2018

On 13 December 2018 the UK Supreme Court issued its judgment on the UK Government's challenge to the validity of the Scottish Parliament's Brexit Bill. The Court decided that, except for one section, the Bill was valid when it was passed. However, as a result of the timing of the legal challenge and the subsequent changes made to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act by the UK Parliament prior to it passing, additional parts of the Bill cannot now take effect.

European Court of Justice rules that the UK can unilaterally revoke its EU withdrawal notice

11 DEC 2018

On 10 December 2018, the Court of Justice of the European Union decided that the UK can unilaterally revoke its Article 50 notice to withdraw from the EU.

EU Policy & Regulatory Alert: New Regulation on Foreign Direct Investment Screening in the EU

22 NOV 2018

The European Union is moving fast towards establishing a joint regulatory and policy framework for Europeans to seize the opportunities provided by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and to reinforce Europe's competitiveness in this field.

Insurance Regulation at a Crossroads: Lessons Learned from the Last Ten Years

5 SEP 2018

Insurance regulators are at an important juncture and have the chance to chart their course for the near to mid-term.

***South Dakota v. Wayfair*: SCOTUS overturns *Quill*, permitting states to require Internet sellers to collect sales and use tax**

25 JUN 2018

Taxpayers should expect a proliferation of state sales and use tax nexus provisions in the near future.

Consumer action without consumers

11 JUN 2018

Recently introduced by the EU Commission, representative action is one of the cornerstones of the New Deal for Consumers. This is of particular significance for products, their manufacturers, and consumers.

EU Policy and Regulatory update: EU Legislation to Block US Extraterritorial Sanctions against Iran

21 MAY 2018

On 18 May 2018, the European Commission has launched the process to "activate" EU Council Regulation No 2271/96 (EU Blocking Statute) and to expand the scope of the EU Blocking Statute to include the US sanctions against Iran.

US to re-impose sanctions on Iran as it withdraws from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

9 MAY 2018

President Trump has signed a presidential memorandum directing his Administration to immediately begin the process of re-imposing sanctions related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, targeting critical parts of Iran's economy, among them its energy, petrochemical and financial sectors.

EU Impact - Issue 4

30 APR 2018

Edition 4 of our monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments.

EU Impact - Issue 3

5 APR 2018

Edition 3 of our monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments.

EU adopts directive on mandatory disclosure of aggressive tax planning schemes: key takeaways

22 MAR 2018

Enterprises and investors with any EU nexus should be aware that the disclosure requirement will apply to all "intermediaries" and possibly their clients involved in cross-border tax arrangements.

Brexit update: Draft Withdrawal Agreement

2 MAR 2018

The EU commission published its Draft Withdrawal Agreement on Brexit Wednesday 28 February 2018. The Draft Agreement is based on the joint report from the negotiations in December and presents 168 articles concentrating in particular on the issue of the Northern Ireland border, the methodology for the UK's financial settlement, and the rights of UK citizens living in the EU and vice versa.

Insurance Sector Trends: Forecast for 2018 and 2017 Year End Review

5 FEB 2018

For the insurance industry, 2017 was a volatile and challenging time – and 2018 will be a dramatic year as geopolitical and economic developments continue to impact the industry.

European Commission tackles financing risks linked to virtual currencies

13 SEP 2016

The proposal seeks to bring greater transparency to the virtual currency market in the European Union by imposing customer due diligence requirements on certain market participants, now considered "obligated entities."

NEWS

Bretton Woods Law Canada to join DLA Piper (Canada) LLP's Montréal office

1 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce it has reached an agreement with the Montréal office of Bretton Woods Law Canada. Effective May 1, 2019, Bretton Woods Canada's team of four lawyers and an articling student will join DLA Piper Canada's Montréal office.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

DLA Piper hosts leading business and diplomacy conference

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper's London office has hosted the Annual Conference of the International Diplomatic and Business Exchange (IBDE).

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018

3 APR 2018

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DLA Piper advises Timor-Leste on historic maritime treaty

6 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has been advising the Government of Timor-Leste, for more than four years, on its historic maritime treaty with the Australian Government, signed today at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the successful outcome of a compulsory conciliation process.
