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Marco de Morpurgo focuses on government regulation of the Life Sciences industry. He helps companies doing business in the EU navigate the complex regulatory structures governing the sector, counseling such clients on regulatory strategies and compliance matters.

His practice covers the regulation of pharmaceuticals, biotechnologies, medical devices, and other health-related regulated products in the EU. He provides strategic advice on a broad range of regulatory issues, including clinical trials, product approvals, market access, promotion and advertising, post-market obligations, as well as on industry-specific ethical and behavioral rules. Most of Marco's work is multi-jurisdictional and he has broad experience assisting clients manage regulatory divergence within the EU and globally.

He regularly speaks and writes on Life Sciences topics. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the European Pharmaceutical Law Review and teaches Life Sciences Law at HEC Paris.

- Intellectual Property and Technology

- Life Sciences

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## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Italian
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## Professional Qualifications

- Avvocato admitted to the Rome Bar
- Avocat admitted to the Paris Bar
- Abogado registered with Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid

- Attorney-at-law admitted with the Supreme Court of New York

## Prior Experience

- Before joining DLA Piper, Marco worked with leading international law firms in Brussels, London and Paris.

## Education

- University of Milan, Ph.D., Comparative Law
- Harvard Law School, LL.M.
- IUC Turin, M.Sc., Comparative Law, Economics & Finance
- University of Trieste, Law degree

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### Embracing Digital Evolution: Our new business report

14 September 2021

Our new report - *Embracing Digital Evolution* - shows how businesses can succeed in Industry 4.0, with contributions from digital revolutionaries such as Microsoft, Salesforce, Rolls-Royce and DocuSign.

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#### EU AI Regulation Handbook

28 May 2021

On 21 April 2021, the European Commission published its long-awaited proposal for a Regulation on Artificial Intelligence (AI Regulation or Regulation). The AI Regulation will have broad reaching implications for the entire supply chain of AI Systems and the lifecycle of how these systems are designed, built, and run.

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#### Global COVID-19 Vaccine Guide for Employers

24 May 2021

In our newly launched global guide we set out some of the key considerations with regard to requiring or encouraging employees to be vaccinated and highlight some of the differences in risk around the world.

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#### Italian DLA Piper Intellectual Property & Technology Legal Predictions for 2021

29 January 2021

For the third year in a row, our Italian Intellectual Property and Technology group has compiled legal predictions for 2021.

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#### Telehealth around the world: A global guide

19 November 2020

This Global Guide provides an overview of the current state of telehealth regulations worldwide and assists readers to identify the

opportunities, challenges and risks, on a country-by-country basis.

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## **Digital Therapeutics - evolution and entry into mainstream healthcare**

18 September 2020

Research undertaken by DLA Piper's Life Sciences sector in conjunction with The Lawyer seeks to understand the current developments in the field of digital therapeutics, looking at key questions that need to be addressed if these products are to become mainstream components of health systems across the world.

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## **Sicurezza dei prodotti: Responsabilità per difetto dei dispositivi "anti-COVID"**

28 July 2020

L'emergenza Coronavirus ha come noto portato ad un aumento esponenziale della domanda di determinati prodotti, in particolare disinfettanti, ventilatori e mascherine.

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## **Mobile Health: Radical change in fitness and wellness is on its way in Italy**

6 July 2020

As most EU countries affected by the COVID-19 outbreak are currently experiencing the temporary closure of gyms, wellness centers and spas, the mobile health industry, including smart wellness and smart fitness apps (mHealth Apps), has remarkably increased its impact on the daily life of citizens, offering them the opportunity to take care of themselves while staying at home for the quarantine, as well as to keep their sense of community alive.

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## **Clinical trials during the COVID-19 pandemic: A global guide**

2 July 2020

The consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to develop dynamically. Some countries are beginning to ease lockdown measures, whilst others retain or even impose new restrictions. The situation continues to impact the ability to conduct clinical trials on a global scale. Pharmaceutical companies need to address even more challenges to ensure the continuity of trials on human medicines.

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## **mHealth: verso il cambiamento nel modo di praticare fitness e wellness**

29 giugno 2020

Impatto dell'emergenza COVID-19 sull'attuale e futuro sviluppo del settore della Mobile Health nell'UE.

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## **Dispositivi e prodotti anti-covid Le regole per la commercializzazione**

4 May 2020

L'emergenza generata dalla diffusione del Covid-19 ha generato la necessità di utilizzare diverse tipologie di dispositivi e presidi medico chirurgici:

1. ventilatori per rispondere all'incremento di persone soggette ad insufficienza respiratoria legata alle polmoniti interstiziali determinate dal virus;

2. mascherine destinate a proteggere gli utilizzatori dalla diffusione del contagio per via aerea;
3. gel igienizzanti destinati a proteggere gli utilizzatori dalla diffusione del contagio per contatto.

[Read more](#)

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17 April 2020

The unprecedented situation resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic impacts the ability to conduct clinical trials on a global scale. Pharmaceutical companies need to address multiple challenges to ensure the continuity of trials on human medicines.

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### European Commission proposes one-year postponement of MDR application date

8 April 2020

Following an informal heads-up on 25 March 2020, today the European Commission adopted a proposed regulation to postpone by one year the date of application of the Medical Devices Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2017/745, "MDR"). If enacted, the Medical Device Directive (Directive 93/42/EEC) and implementing legislation of the EU member states will continue to apply as far as they have not yet been amended.

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### Italian Medicines Agency tackles challenges related to clinical trial management during COVID-19 emergency

20 March 2020

In the recent UK Budget, and subsequent announcements, several initiatives have been introduced to support businesses in response to coronavirus COVID-19, but as yet there are no generally applicable leniencies on when tax has to be paid or returns filed. Read to find out more.

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### Italian DLA Piper Intellectual Property & Technology Legal Predictions for 2020

28 February 2020

DLA Piper Italian Intellectual Property & Technology practice group has published its Legal Predictions for 2019. These take a look back at what happened during 2019 and illustrate the key changes that are expected in 2020.

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### New transparency obligations for medical device companies in Italy

20 January 2020

On 1 January 2021, important transparency obligations provided for in the Code of Ethics of Confindustria Dispositivi Medici (the Italian medical device industry association) will become applicable.

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- EU SPC Manufacturing Waiver Becomes Effective: What Can Industry Expect?, European Pharmaceutical Law Review, Volume 3, Issue 3 (2019)
  - The Sun Also Rises in Italy: New Statutory Transparency Requirements Expected under the Proposed Italian Sunshine Act,

European Pharmaceutical Law Review, Volume 2, Issue 4 (2018)

- Italy Reforms Clinical Trial Rules, European Pharmaceutical Law Review, Volume 2, Issue 1 (2018)

## Events

## Previous

### **Anti-COVID devices: a comparison between the UK and Italy**

29 September 2020

Webinar

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## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper launches global cannabis practice**

21 February 2020

DLA Piper has launched a dedicated global cannabis practice that will sit as a sub-group under its Life Sciences sector. The decision to formalise the firm's offering follows the completion of a significant number of global deals in the sector that have amounted to over USD8 billion to date, as well as a number of large cannabis regulatory advisory mandates.

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