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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

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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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### 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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### 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 other 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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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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- 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**

### **DLA Piper advises Philip Morris International on USD820 million acquisition of Fertin Pharma**

5 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Philip Morris International (PMI) on the acquisition Fertin Pharma A/S (Fertin Pharma), a leading developer and manufacturer of pharmaceutical and well-being products based on oral and intra-oral delivery systems.

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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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