



**Teresa Ribera- Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition**

Teresa Ribera is the Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition.

She previously served as Vice President of the Government of Spain and Minister for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge as well as Member of Spanish Parliament.

Prior to that, she was Director of the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) from 2014 to 2018, enabling the Institute to play a key role in the negotiation of the Paris Climate Agreement.

From 2008 to 2011, she served as the Spanish Secretary of State for Climate Change and Biodiversity. A public official from the Senior Corps of State Civil Administrators, she has also taught public law at the Autonomous University of Madrid. She is member of the Royal Academy of Science, Letters and Fine Arts of Belgium since 2021.

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**Olivier Guersent- Director-General, DG COMPETITION, European Commission**

OLIVIER GUERSENT graduated with distinction from the “Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Bordeaux” in 1983. He joined the French Ministry of Economy and Finance in 1984, where he carried out many investigations for the French Competition Authority. He joined the European Commission in 1992, initially with the "Merger Task Force" in the Directorate-General for Competition. Since then, he has alternated between the private offices of a number of European Commissioners (Karel Van Miert, Michel Barnier and Neelie Kroes) and DG Competition (successively Deputy Head of Unit in charge of cartels, Head of Unit in charge of policy and coordination of cases, Head of Unit in charge of merger control, Acting Director “Transport, postal and other services" and, from 2009, Director responsible for the fight against cartels). From 2010 to 2014 he was the head of the private office of Michel Barnier, Commissioner for Internal Market and Services. Having held the position of Deputy Director-General since July 2014, Olivier Guersent has been Director-General of the Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union from 1 September 2015 to 31 December 2019. As of 1st January 2020 he is the Director General of the Directorate General for Competition.

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## **Emanuele Tarantino- Chief Competition Economist, DG COMPETITION**

Emanuele Tarantino has been the Chief Competition Economist of the European Commission at DG Competition since January 2025. Before joining the Commission, he was a Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics and Finance of Luiss and a Research Affiliate at EIEF and CEPR. Underscoring his involvement in policy advice, between 2017 and 2024, he was a member of the Economic Advisory Group on Competition Policy of the European Commission Chief Economist Team, and between 2023 and 2024, he served as Academic Advisor of the Bank of Spain. He holds a PhD in Economics from the European University Institute, and before joining LUISS, he was an Assistant Professor at the University of Mannheim. His research and teaching interests are in industrial economics, innovation, and financial economics.

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## **Daniele Calisti- Head of Unit Merger policy, DG COMPETITION**

Daniele Calisti is currently Head of Unit in charge of merger policy. A trained lawyer, Dr Calisti joined the Commission in 2008, serving in the policy department and in the merger network, where he headed the Unit responsible for mergers in basic industries and manufacturing. A graduate of LUISS University in Rome, he holds an LLM from King's College London and a PhD in Public Law of Economics from La Sapienza University of Rome.

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## **Fernando Castillo de la Torre- Principal Legal, Adviser Legal Service of the European Commission**

Fernando Castillo de la Torre is Director (Principal Legal Adviser) in the Legal Service of the European Commission, where he now leads the team for competition and mergers. He has been working in the Legal Service since 1996 in the teams for internal market, competition, external relations, and agriculture, fisheries and animal and plant health. He studied both law and political science in Madrid (Spain), graduating in 1989 and 1990 respectively, and undertook postgraduate studies in EU law at the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium). He worked in the chambers of the President of the European Court of Justice between 1997 and 2002. He has been agent for the European Commission in more than 450 cases in the European Court of Justice, some 300 of which in competition matters (mergers and antitrust) and has pleaded in many of the most important competition cases over the last 23 years. He has published widely on the relationship between legal orders (international, EU and national), judicial review and litigation before EU Courts, competition law, the internal market and the external relations of the EU.

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## **Kirsten Edwards Warren- Economic Consultant**

Kirsten Edwards-Warren has worked as a professional economist for over 20 years. She has had roles in consulting and in the UK competition agencies where she was Director of Economics at both the Office of Fair Trading and the Competition Commission (the predecessor organisations of the CMA).

Kirsten is listed as a 'Global Elite Thought Leader' in Competition Economics by Lexology Index. In 2024 she was awarded 'Economist of the Year' by Global Competition Review.

She has worked on many major multi-jurisdictional mergers including the recent deals IBM/Hashicorp, Saint Gobain/Fosroc, JBT/Marel and Broadcom/VMware. Last year she testified in the Epic Games vs Google app stores litigation in Australia where she was the economic expert for Epic.

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## **Fiona Scott-Morton, Professor of Economics, Yale School of Management and Bruegel**

Fiona M. Scott Morton is the Theodore Nierenberg Professor of Economics at the Yale University School of Management and an Adjunct Professor at Yale Law School. Her field of economics is Industrial Organization, the study of firms, markets, and competition. The focus of her research is the economics of competition policy and antitrust enforcement, as well as competition in healthcare markets. From 2011-12 Professor Scott Morton served as the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Economic Analysis (Chief Economist) at the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she helped enforce the nation's antitrust laws. She frequently presents to government agencies tasked with enforcing competition law and is a Senior Fellow at Bruegel, the European policy think tank. At Yale SOM she teaches courses in competitive strategy and competition economics. She served as Associate Dean from 2007-10 and has won the School's teaching award three times. At Yale Law School Professor Scott Morton teaches Antitrust Law. She founded and directs the Thurman Arnold Project at Yale, a vehicle to provide more competition policy programming to Yale students and the wider competition community. She holds a BA from Yale and a PhD from MIT, both in Economics.

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## **Hans Zenger, Head of Unit Economic Analysis at the Chief Economist Team, DG COMPETITION**

Hans Zenger is a Head of the Unit at the Chief Economist Team of DG Competition. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Munich and an M.Sc. in Economics from Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Before joining the Commission, Hans was a Vice President at CRA's European Competition Practice.

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## **Annemiek Wilpshaar- Head of Unit Digital Merger, DG COMPETITION**

Annemiek Wilpshaar is Head of Unit at the European Commission, managing merger cases in the IT, Telecom and Media sectors at DG COMP. Previously, Annemiek was a member of the Chief Economist Team in DG Competition dealing with cases across a wide range of sectors. She also served a year as Cabinet Member of Vice President Almunia. Annemiek holds a MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and a MSc in Competition and Market Regulation from the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics.

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## **Benedikt Herz- Case Manager at Chief Economist Team in DG COMPETITION**

Benedikt Herz is a member of the Chief Economist Team at the DG Competition. He holds a PhD in Economics from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona and a master's degree in economics from the University of Bonn and joined the European Commission in 2013.

His work focuses on complex merger investigations, with recent cases including Google/Fitbit, NVIDIA/Arm, Microsoft/Activision, Amazon/iRobot, and Novo/Catalent. His research has been published in leading academic journals, such as the Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Review of Economics and Statistics, and the International Journal of Industrial Organization.

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## **Román Arjona- Chief Economist at DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs**

In addition to his role at the European Commission, Román Arjona is Vice-Chair of the OECD's Committee for Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE). He is also a member of CEPR's European Economic Policy Network. He was Chief Economist and Head of Strategy and Foresight at the Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, and Vice-Chair of the OECD's Committee for Science and Technology Policy (CSTP). He previously served in the Spanish government as Secretary-General for Science, Technology and Innovation, and before joining the Commission he was an adviser to the Spanish State Secretary and the Spanish Minister for Science and Technology. Mr Arjona worked for the European Investment Bank and the International Monetary Fund as well as for the OECD as an economist. He is a former member of the World Economic Forum's High-Level Advisory Group of the Europe Inclusive Growth and Competitiveness Lab, and of its Global Agenda Council on New Growth Models. Román graduated in Economics at the University of Valencia with a special distinction and holds a Masters' degree in European Economic Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges and a PhD in Economics from the European University Institute in Florence.

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## **Jason Furman- Professor of Economic Policy at Harvard Kennedy School**

Jason Furman is the Aetna Professor of the Practice of Economic Policy jointly at Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) and the Department of Economics at Harvard University. Furman engages in public policy through research, writing and teaching in a wide range of areas including U.S. and international macroeconomics, fiscal policy, labor markets and competition policy. Previously Furman served eight years as a top economic adviser to President Obama, including serving as the 28th Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers from August 2013 to January 2017, acting as both President Obama's chief economist and a member of the cabinet. In addition to articles in scholarly journals and periodicals, Furman is a regular contributor to the Wall Street Journal and Project Syndicate and the editor of two books on economic policy. Furman holds a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University

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## **Elisabetta Iossa- Commissioner at Autorita' Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato**

Commissioner at the Italian Antitrust Authority since 1st February 2022 and Full Professor of Economics at the University of Rome "Tor Vergata" (on leave). She has held positions as Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, and Full Professor at Brunel University in West London, as Suppléant at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, and as Maître de Conférences at the Université de Liège. She was a visiting scholar at Bristol University, Catholic University of Milan, Harvard University, and Toulouse School of Economics.

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## **Lluís Saurí- Deputy Chief Competition Economist, DG COMPETITION**

Lluís Saurí is Deputy Chief Competition Economist and Deputy Director at the European Commission. From August 2023 to December 2024 he was Acting Chief Competition Economist. He has been responsible for the economic analysis at DG Competition across all policy areas, including Antitrust, Mergers, State aid, Foreign Subsidies and Digital Markets Act. He has over fifteen years of experience, both in the private and public sectors, in competition and industrial policies, with a focus on energy, environment, innovation, pharmaceuticals and healthcare. Prior to joining the European Commission in 2013, he was economic adviser at the Competition Commission in the UK and economic consultant in the private sector. Lluís Saurí holds a PhD in Economics by the European University Institute, and regularly participates in conferences, teaches at university and publishes on journals in the field of competition economics and regulation.

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### **Nuria Subirats- Policy Officer for Commission Priorities, DG COMPETITION**

Núria Subirats Rebull has worked in various Directorates-General and a Cabinet of a European Commissioner at the European Commission since 2011. She was a professor of Economics at the Pompeu Fabra University, a consultant at GEA Barcelona European Consulting S.L.P. and a member of the technical secretariat of the Advisory Board for Bulgaria. Núria graduated in Economics at the Pompeu Fabra University and holds a Masters' degree in European Economic Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges.

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### **Zlata Jakubovic, Case Manager at the Chief Economist Team, DG COMPETITION**

Zlata is a Case Manager at the CET, where she leads the economic analysis for competition cases and policy initiatives, particularly in the area of State aid. Previously, she served as an Economist in the same team, mainly focusing on merger and antitrust cases. Her broad expertise covers sectors such as basic industries, energy and environment, R&D and innovation, as well as post and other services. She holds a PhD in Industrial Organization from Goethe University Frankfurt (2018) and has over ten years of experience in both the private and public sectors.

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### **Naemi Riess- Economist at Chief Economist Team, DG COMPETITION**

Naemi Riess is an economic analyst in the Chief Economist Team, where she primarily works on merger cases. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Mannheim. Prior to joining the Chief Economist Team, she received a master's degree in economics from the Toulouse School of Economics and interned at an economic consultancy