

# CMS State Aid Group

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## World-class State aid specialists

State aid is a highly technical area of EU law and has generated a wide range of evolving case law.

Compliance with State aid rules is therefore an issue in any public intervention that involves State resources. State aid can indeed occur whenever a public authority or undertaking grants a selective advantage to undertakings to the detriment of others. It can distort competition and affect trade between Member States, which is harmful to consumers and undertakings in the EU.

State aid issues are usually quite complex, requiring a high level of expertise, in-depth knowledge and pragmatism.

CMS has a dedicated team of legal specialists to advise on State aid-related matters. Our State aid specialist lawyers take a thorough approach to legal detail and can also stand back and take a wider view to deliver the best results.

Our experience covers all aspects of State aid: fiscal incentives, rescue and restructuring aid, aid for infrastructures, services of general economic interest, regional aid, RDI aid, aid for environmental, aid for energy, etc.

## CMS State Aid Group

The CMS State Aid Practice Area Group comprises 40 State aid law specialists practicing State aid law in 17 jurisdictions being located in 20 cities in Europe and beyond – all committed to assist you.

## Broad Sector Experience

CMS State aid specialists have particular expertise in following industry sectors:

- Air, maritime and rail transport sectors
- Energy
- Financial Services
- Postal sector
- Telecoms
- Multifunctional and sport infrastructure
- Manufacturing

## Our services in State aid matters

CMS lawyers represent both public authorities and private companies on all aspects of the State aid rules. This includes:

- Legal assessment of the existence of an aid and its compatibility
- Set up of aid schemes
- Assistance to public authorities in the notification of State aid
- Assistance to public authorities or beneficiaries in State aid investigations by the European Commission
- Drafting and lodging complaints before the European Commission
- Litigation before national and EU Courts

## Leading individuals

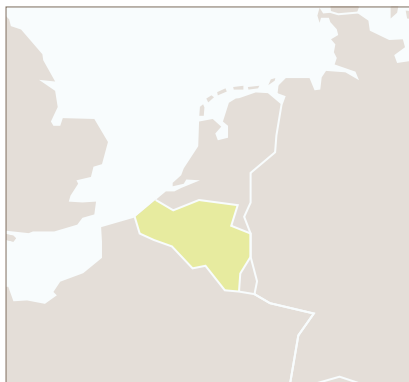
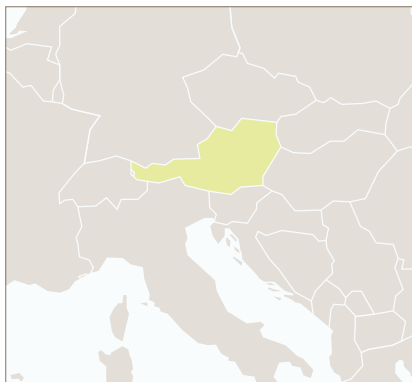
CMS lawyers in many countries have shaped the State aid legal development through numerous publications, lectures and representations as well as involvement in studies on State aid for the European Commission. This in-depth know-how and experience is accessible in all CMS jurisdictions because the CMS team is used to interacting seamlessly across all the countries in which we operate.

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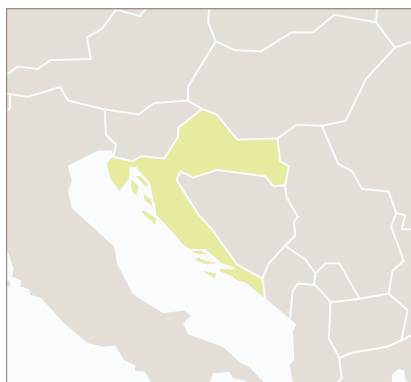
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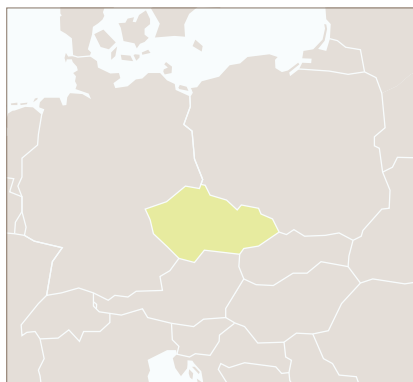
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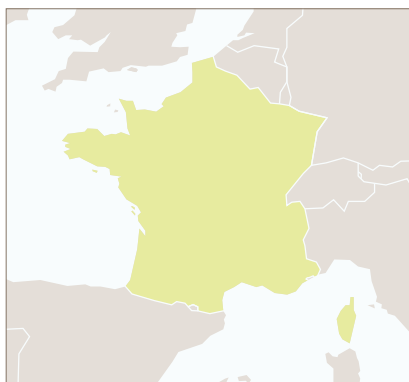
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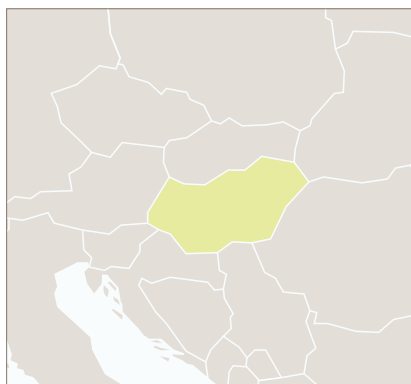
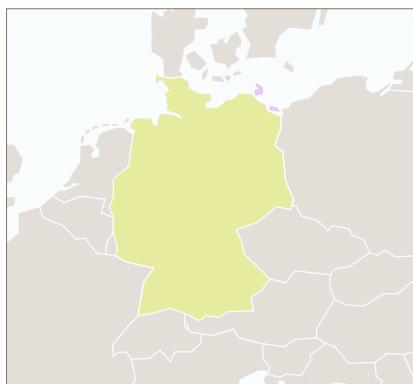
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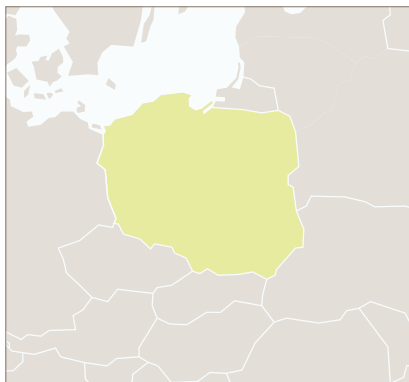
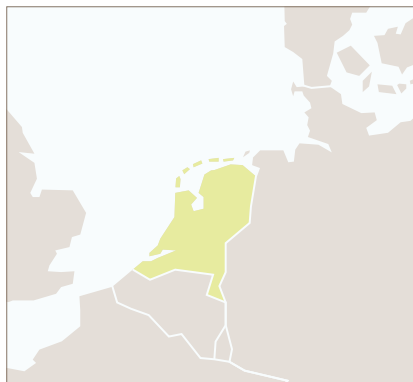
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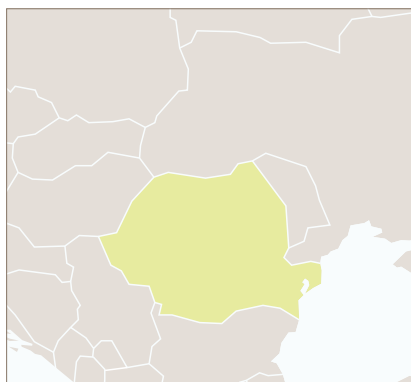
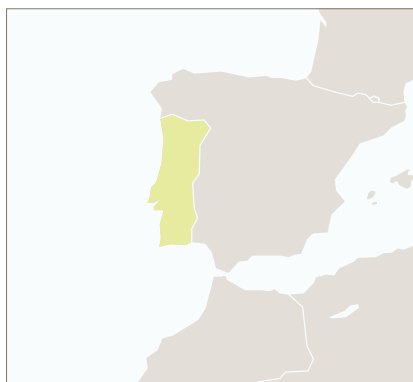
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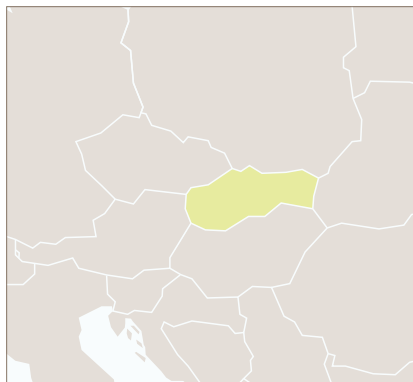
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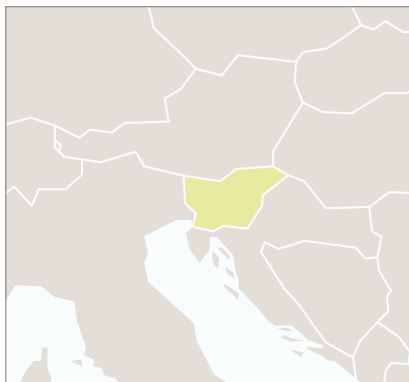
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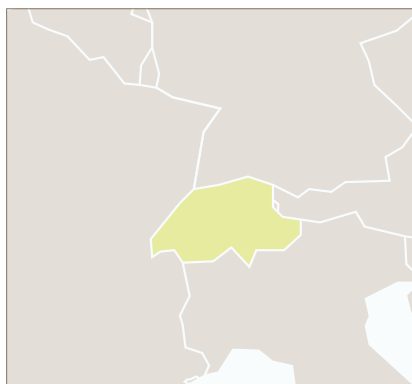
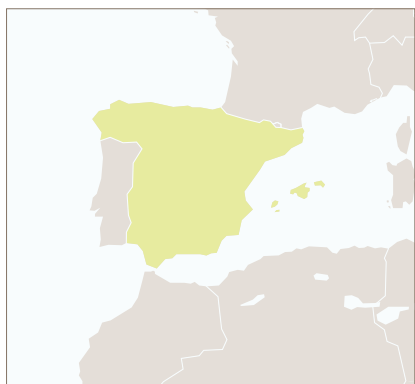
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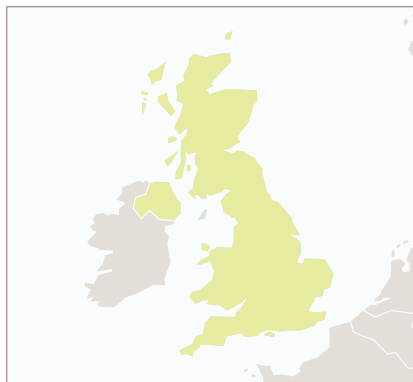
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# CMS Competition Group



## 200+

Competition lawyers



## 34

countries



## 45

cities



Largest network with strong local roots

*The CMS Competition & EU Group is one of the largest competition teams in Europe and at the same time the most wide-spread in terms of countries covered.*



Top quality advice

*We tirelessly build up expertise with the sole aim of understanding better the needs of our clients.*

- Global network in Europe including CEE Switzerland and Turkey as well as China, Singapore, Africa and Latin America
- Outside “CMS countries” together with the World Law Group
- Strong local expertise
- One-stop-shop solution across Europe and beyond
- Acting in all areas of competition law
- Specialisation in particular sectors e.g. automotive industry, banking & finance, consumer products, energy, infrastructure & projects, insurance, lifesciences, hotel & leisure, real estate & construction, technology, media & communications
- Involved in landmark cases
- Track record of 50 years of experience

## Focus on clients' needs

- Cartel and other proceedings and leniency applications
- Abuse of dominance
- Private enforcement
- EU and national merger control
- Horizontal restraints
- Vertical restraints
- Competition compliance
- Regulatory compliance in sectors such as electricity, gas, water and telecommunications.



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## Appendix: About CMS

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### Client-centric

You, the client, are at the heart of our business – whether you are a large or small organisation. Our emphasis is not just on being great technical lawyers, but really understanding your business and your key objectives. One way we do this is by organising CMS into sector groups that operate locally and internationally. CMS's international sector specialists take pride in understanding your industry and engaging with your company-specific issues.

We deliver added value services based on real client needs, such as Law-Now which provides easy-to-access, practical and timely knowledge that matters to your business. CMS expands to meet client needs, moving into countries where we can make a difference to your business. Recent examples include our new offices in Dubai and Mexico, which we set up to support our energy clients operating there.

### World vision

Our sector insight means we immerse ourselves in the world of your business and we make sure we understand the global business issues you are facing. We have deep local expertise in your most significant jurisdictions as well as all the major global centres and we have established CMS in emerging markets in line with client needs. CMS professionals act as trusted partners, managing your global projects and transactions wherever you need us.

## Performance-driven

We work with you to define what success means for you and your organisation and we focus on making it happen. CMS takes pride in first-class execution and project management – we deliver results, not just opinions. We will actively ask for your feedback to help us assess and improve our performance.

## Delivering Client Service

We take the same approach to service delivery everywhere, based on a common training programme and a shared understanding of what our clients value most. We provide you with management information to help you manage your account with us, covering areas such as invoicing, matter progress, fees, work in progress (WIP) along with bespoke reports on other factors specific to your business and your needs.

Your satisfaction with our performance drives our efforts to continuously improve our service. Through regular exchange of information and independent feedback we identify opportunities to reach higher levels of efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery and act upon them.

# Appendix: About CMS

## Facts & Figures

76 offices

70 cities

43 countries

## Europe:

Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Republic of North Macedonia, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom

## Outside Europe:

Algeria, Angola, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Kenya, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Peru, Singapore, South Africa and United Arab Emirates

> 1,100 partners

> 4,800 lawyers

> 8,000 total staff

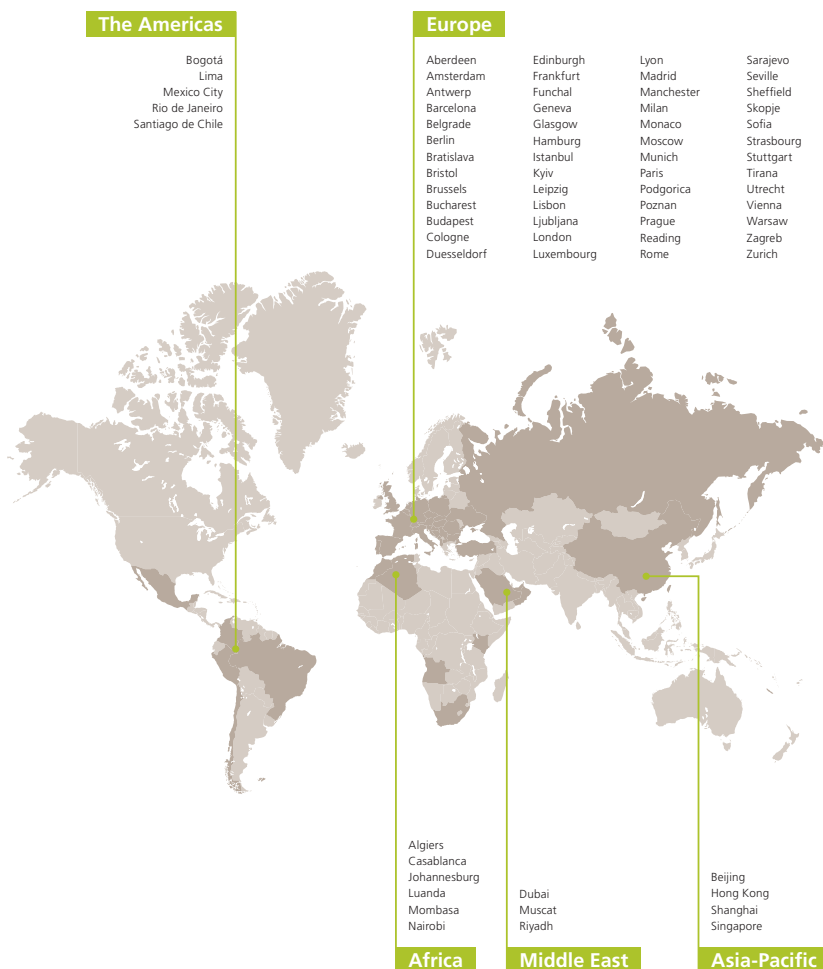
## Total annual revenues:

EUR 1.36bn (2018)

## CMS practice area and sector groups

- Banking & Finance
- Commercial
- Competition & EU
- Corporate / M&A
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment & Pensions
- Intellectual Property
- Public Procurement
- Real Estate & Construction
- Tax
- Consumer Products
- Energy & Climate Change
- Funds
- Hotels & Leisure
- Insurance
- Infrastructure & Project Finance
- Life Sciences & Healthcare
- Private Equity
- Technology, Media & Communications

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