

Watch the video of our @Echelle webinar on the references to Article 22

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Watch the @Echelle event which was held live on YouTube on Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 11 a.m., with the participation of Olivier Guersent, Director General of the Competition Directorate General of the European Commission, Angélique de Brousse, Senior Head of EMEA Competition Legal Law at Johnson & Johnson, and Anne Wachsmann, Partner at Linklaters, to address merger referrals made by National Competition Authorities under Article 22 of Regulation 139/2004.

The debate was lively, in France and in Europe on the need to strengthen merger control to better understand certain transactions "below the thresholds", in particular in the digital field.

As a result of these discussions, the Commission announced at the end of 2020 that it would now agree to examine "below-threshold" mergers, within the framework of Article 22 of the 2004 Regulation, thereby modifying its previous doctrine. This is an important development for businesses.

During a discussion moderated by Etienne Chantrel, Head of the Merger Unit, Olivier Guersent discussed the Commission's new approach to referrals made under Article 22 of Regulation 139/2004 on merger control.

Angélique de Brousse, Senior Head of EMEA Competition Legal Law at Johnson & Johnson, and Anne Wachsmann, Partner at Linklaters, took part in the discussion, and discussed the legal and practical issues of this new approach for companies and competition law practitioners.