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## Employment offer

# Competition and Digital Legal Adviser (M/F)

Digital Economy Unit

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As an independent administrative authority, the *Autorité de la concurrence* ensures the proper competitive functioning of France's economy. It contributes to the regulation of competition at European and international levels. Its cross-disciplinary competence leads it to intervene in all economic sectors.

It has four major missions:

**Fight against anticompetitive practices** (cartels and abuse)

**Control mergers** (mergers and acquisitions)

**Issue recommendations** (opinions to public authorities and economic stakeholders)

**Regulate certain legal professions**

Ranked in the Elite category (1<sup>st</sup>) for the past 7 years by the *Global Competition Review*, the *Autorité* is also at the forefront of emerging issues related to the digital economy.

## ENVIRONMENT OF THE POSITION

The accelerated digitisation of the economy is bringing about profound transformations: the emergence of platforms benefiting from considerable network effects, the disruption of physical distribution through online sales, technological innovations brought about by artificial intelligence and data science... All these phenomena are upsetting the rules of the competition and creating new challenges for the *Autorité de la concurrence*, which has decided to create a Digital Economy Unit at the heart of the *Autorité's* Investigation Services that will act in a cross-dimensional way, in a similar manner to the Economics Unit and the Inspections Unit.

The Investigation Services, which are supervised by the General Rapporteur, include some 100 permanent case officers (*rapporteurs*). They include five units for handling litigation cases, as well as the Regulated Professions Unit, the Mergers Unit, the Inspections Unit and the Economics Unit. The Digital Economy Unit will be placed under the responsibility of the General Rapporteur. It consists of a head of unit and three experts, who have the status of case officers, which enables them to exercise

the investigation powers provided for by the Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) (for instance the power to investigate, participation in dawn raids).

## DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITION

The digital legal advisor will be responsible, among other things, for the following activities:

- ✓ Providing legal expertise for the development of technical tools developed by the unit, in order to ensure that these tools can be fully capitalised upon in a context of litigation and are able to reveal or exonerate certain digital practices;
- ✓ Monitoring decision-making practice and case law relating to market definitions and standards of evidence in digital fields, and contributing to the consolidation or development of the *Autorité's* legal doctrine in this area;
- ✓ Drawing up and proposing a work programme in the relevant field, particularly to identify issues and challenges requiring the *Autorité* to adopt a position;
- ✓ Participating in the *Autorité's* discussions on issues related to the digital economy: collecting information, analysing and drafting studies and opinions;
- ✓ Participating in the distribution of this work at conferences or round tables;
- ✓ Participating in the missions assigned to case officers: investigation (collection of evidence, interviews with witnesses, etc.), unannounced inspections and, where necessary, investigation of cases with a partner (decisions on the merits of a case, requests for interim measures, requests for opinions);
- ✓ Developing and organising a network of specialised contacts in France and abroad.

Given that the unit has just been created, the missions for which it will be responsible are very open and the team will therefore be a real source of proposals in this area.

## APPLICANT'S PROFILE

The candidate should have a keen interest in and sound understanding of the scientific and technical challenges of the digital economy. Relevant professional experience in judicial and administrative litigation procedures in connection with this sector would be an asset.

The candidate must be capable of working autonomously and show initiative. They will, however, regularly report on the progress of their work and contribute to consolidating shared skills and culture with their peers. The candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills as well as a strong taste for working in close cooperation. Responsive and thorough, they must show that they are able to meet deadlines in processing the cases entrusted to them.

The candidate should have an excellent command of the French language, both written and spoken.

## APPLICATION AND RECRUITMENT PROCEDURES

The position is open to both tenured (secondment on contract) and contract (indefinite-term) personnel.

Send applications (curriculum vitae and cover letter) by e-mail no later than 05/03/2020 to [recrutement@autoritedelaconcurrence.fr](mailto:recrutement@autoritedelaconcurrence.fr)

Please note on your application the reference of the offer: "Rap.Data.SNUM.2020"

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