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With over forty years' experience in the field of increasingly complex European law, Gide Brussels provides valued and respected legal advice to the private sector (industry and services, professional associations, banks, etc.) and the public sector (national governments, public bodies, international organisations, etc.) in France, Europe, and the rest of the world. Our track record and expertise are backed up by in-depth knowledge of the workings and procedures of the European institutions.

The multidisciplinary and multinational team is structured around three main legal fields: competition, international trade / WTO, and EU regulatory affairs. As a result, our lawyers boast an unrivalled range of skills to advise and defend our clients before Community institutions and national and European jurisdictions.

A Trusted Partner to Face the New Challenges of Globalisation

Gide Brussels offers all the advantages of maturity and experience in the present period of uncertainty resulting from the banking and financial crisis, increasing international competition, and the introduction of measures - often placing a heavy burden on companies - to deal with climate change and ensure energy security. Our lawyers' skills also help our clients to deal with new regulations introduced to meet the growing challenges of globalisation in the areas of trade, energy, agriculture and food, finance, transport, public procurement, etc.

The Support of a Wide Network of 550 Lawyers

With the support of the firm's worldwide team based in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and North America, Gide Brussels is ideally placed to rise to the challenges of globalisation, regulatory issues, and trade disputes. Indeed, our lawyers worldwide are recognised as among the best specialists in their different areas of national and international business law.

Three Major Legal Fields

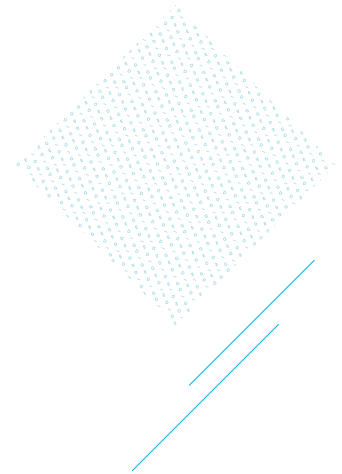
To better defend its clients and their interests, Gide Brussels has structured its team of 20 lawyers around three main legal fields:

- Competition
- International Trade / WTO
- EU Regulatory

According to clients' needs, our lawyers work as a multidisciplinary team with the firm's other practice groups and offices to share skills and experience and thus guarantee the best possible quality of service.

Competition

Gide Brussels has established its position as a key player in European trade law issues. Our lawyers' comprehensive knowledge of national and European regulations and law, as well as their understanding of how the authorities reach their decisions ensure that we gain satisfactory solutions in the interests of our clients.



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Gide Brussels has assisted several companies in seeking Commission approval for major pan-European mergers and acquisitions projects involving complex competition questions. We also advise and guide clients in issues relating to abuse of a dominant position (article 102 TFEU) and the prohibition of anti-competitive practices (article 101 TFEU) such as alleged involvement in cartels. And we regularly and successfully represent clients in cases involving state aid.

International Trade / WTO

By virtue of the unrivalled expertise in international economic law it has built up over the years, Gide Brussels has become the preferred law firm for a growing number of European and multinational companies and organisations and, notably, several national governments.

Gide Brussels is acknowledged for its skills in WTO dispute settlement and its expertise in terms of WTO regulations and procedures at the multilateral, regional, and bilateral levels. We are thus ideally placed to help clients in cases involving antidumping procedures and subsidies. And we are instructed on the growing use of unfair trading practices and the gradual closure of certain markets with the introduction of new regulatory measures, e.g. technical, environmental or public health standards; access to raw materials; discriminatory tax schemes; breach of intellectual property; and the absence of reciprocity in the deployment of international rules governing, for example, public procurement; etc.

EU Regulatory

As one of the first international law firms to set up in Brussels, Gide has a wealth of experience in European law which has provided the foundations for the construction of the European internal market. Our lawyers are actively involved in both the drafting of European law (legal lobbying) and its implementation (litigation and quasi-litigation before the European Commission).

Our lawyers now play a key role in all the latest developments in EU agriculture and food laws (food safety, labelling, global trade in agricultural produce, etc.). And as the European authorities expand their regulatory mandate, Gide Brussels has widened the scope of its activity to take in new and rapidly developing sectors ranging from the privatisation and consolidation of rail services, to financial services (pension funds, insurance, capital investment), the environment (REACH), by way of energy, telecommunications, public procurement, betting and gaming, and the media.

Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I.'s team strikes the right note with its 'good bench' of lawyers. Benoît Le Bret has 'a very good understanding of how the EU machinery operates' and is representing Engie in the EC's investigation into Luxembourg's tax treatment of GDF Suez (now Engie). Stéphane Hautbourg and Laurent Godfroid are also key contacts in a team that acts on the full spread of competition and antitrust issues. Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I.'s team has 'a strong commitment to maintaining open channels of communication' and are 'true experts in trade law'. Group head Olivier Prost, who is highlighted for his 'in-depth preparation and analysis', represented Arkema in India's anti-dumping investigation against sodium chlorate imports from China, Canada and the EU. The group also has expertise in customs, export control and sanctions issues. »

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“Notable practice in Brussels, utilising the firm's strong global network and close relationships with other firms across Europe to handle cross-border mandates for leading French and international companies. Well regarded anti-dumping practice, representing clients from EU industry associations, especially from the biodiesel, food and steel fields. Additional expertise advising on WTO compliance and export control matters. »

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“French firm with a strong state aid and EU regulatory practice. Advises clients from the technology, transport and financial services industries, with recent mandates including obtaining merger clearance and behavioural matters, including abuse of dominance and cartel investigations. Works closely with the firm's highly regarded Paris office, with the two teams combining regularly on pan-European matters for French clients. Clients highlight the firm's 'reactivity, adaptability and solution-oriented focus.' The firm's international presence is appreciated by clients who underline the 'huge network - from one contact point you can access their network, which is very useful.' »

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