



# Competition for Competitiveness: the New EU Merger Guidelines

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Organised by the Competition Commission of ICC Italia, the webinar will explore the evolving relationship between EU merger control and European competitiveness in light of the European Commission's draft revised merger guidelines. Daniele Calisti – Head of Unit-Mergers case support and policy at DG COMP – will provide an overview of the Commission's current thinking, with particular focus on the emerging “theories of benefits” and the renewed role of efficiencies within merger assessment.

The discussion will examine the extent to which the evolving framework may create additional room to take into account innovation, resilience, scale and broader competitiveness considerations in EU merger control. The presentation will be followed by comments from Michele Polo – Full Professor in Economics at Bocconi University – and an interactive Q&A session.

## Speakers

### **Daniele Calisti**

Head of Unit, Mergers Case Support and Policy, DG COMP, European Commission

### **Luciano Di Via**

Chair, ICC Italia Competition Commission  
Clifford Chance

### **Michele Polo**

Full Professor in Economics  
Bocconi University

## Participation

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