

Press Release

Prof. Dr. Tomaso Duso new member of the Monopolies Commission, terms of Dr. Thomas Nöcker and Prof. Achim Wambach Ph.D. end

The German government has appointed **Prof. Dr. Tomaso Duso** as a member of the Monopolies Commission for a term from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026.

New Commission member Tomaso Duso has been Head of the Firms and Markets Department at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) since 2013 and a professor of empirical industrial economics at the Technische Universität (TU) Berlin since 2018. From 2011 to 2018, he was a university professor at the Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE) at the Heinrich-Heine-Universität (HHU) Düsseldorf. He is spokesperson of the Berlin Centre for Consumer Policies (BCCP) and a Research Fellow for the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) and the Centre for Economic Studies (CESifo) as well as a member of the Economic Advisory Group on Competition Policy (EAGCP) of the European Commission. His research focuses on applied econometrics in the fields of industrial organization, competition policy, regulation and management.

Prof. Dr. Tomaso Duso succeeds **Prof. Achim Wambach Ph.D.** who will retire from the Commission after two terms on 30 June 2022. Prof. Wambach was a member of the Monopolies Commission from July 2014 to June 2022 and its Chairman from March 2016 to September 2020. Also on 30 June 2022, **Dr. Thomas Nöcker** will retire from the Commission after three terms. Dr. Nöcker was a member of the Monopolies Commission from July 2010 to June 2022. The German government has not yet decided on his successor.

Important topics of the Monopolies Commission during the memberships of Thomas Nöcker and Achim Wambach were the abuse control of platform companies, the further development of the analysis of company concentration with a view to institutional investors and cross-sectoral indicators of market power as well as distortions of competition in international trade due to subsidies to state and private companies in China. In addition, the Monopolies Commission's opinions on the health care markets are to be mentioned, in particular the Special Report on the development of competition in the German health insurance system and the current Special Report on the reorganisation of hospital care. The Monopolies Commission would like to express its special thanks to Dr. Nöcker and Prof. Wambach for their commitment to competition.

The Monopolies Commission is a permanent, independent expert committee which advises the German government and legislature in the areas of competition policy-making, competition law, and regulation. The Monopolies Commission has five Members appointed by the Federal President based on a proposal of the German government. Prof. Dr. Jürgen Kühling, LL.M. is the Chairman of the Monopolies Commission.

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