

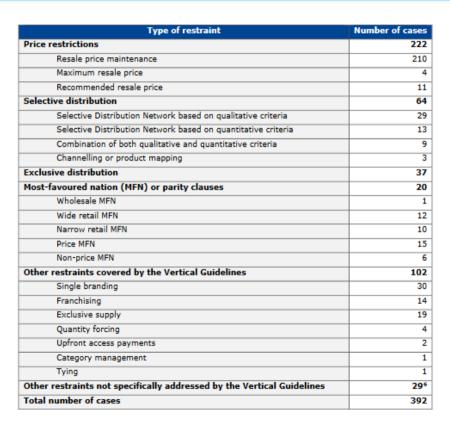




MAIN DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPEAN AND ITALIAN COMPETITION LAW















#### Needs



# Objectives



# Activities Inputs

# Output

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## Results

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#### Impacts

- To provide, to the extent possible, legal certainty to
  - legal certainty to businesses, in view of the fact that they have to self-assess the compliance of their vertical agreements with EU competition rules.
  - To provide a common framework of assessment, in view of the decentralised application of Article 101 by the Commission, NCAs and national courts.

#### General objective

 To facilitate the enforcement work of the Commission, NCAs and national courts and to help businesses conduct the self-assessment of their vertical agreements.

#### Specific objectives

- To provide legal certainty as to which agreements comply with Article 101 of the Treaty on the basis of a simpler set of rules:
- To avoid false positives and, if possible, false negatives;
- To provide a common framework of assessment in order to ensure consistency in the application of Article 101 of the Treaty by NCAs and national courts.

# To define

conditions, in line with the current market circumstances and on the basis of the Commission's power to adopt block

exemptions.

- To issue guidance in the field of competition, that vertical agreements need to meet in order to benefit from the block exemption.
- Businesses using the 2010 VBER and Vertical Guidelines to self-assess the compliance of their vertical agreements with Article 101 of the

Treaty.

- Improved legal certainty and guidance for assessing the compatibility of vertical agreements with Article 101 of the Treaty;
- Captures only those agreements for which it can be assumed with sufficient certainty that they satisfy the conditions of Article 101(3);
- Ensures consistent application of Article 101 of the Treaty throughout the EU.

- Promote effective competition and economic efficiency for the benefit of
- and economic efficiency for the benefit of consumers in the internal market.

#### External Factors

