



Merger Working Group



The MWG webinar on **Mergers analysis and FDI screening: exploring the interface between competition review and national security** will take place on **Thursday 19th February 2026 14:00 – 15:15 CET**.

The webinar will address similarities and differences between merger control and FDI analysis — covering issues such as gun jumping, notification thresholds, information requirements, commitments, and appeal systems. It will also explore cooperation channels between NCAs and FDI national authorities, as well as national specificities of FDI regimes that are particularly relevant from a competition law perspective.

The session will be hosted by the Spanish CNMC and welcomes the following speakers:

- **Rachel Brandenburger** is a Non-Governmental Advisor (NGA) to the UK's Competition and Markets Authority.
- **Santiago Conde** is Assistant Deputy Director General at the Foreign Investment Unit in Spain's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business.
- **Beatriz Marques** is a Competition Expert at the OECD Competition Division. Her current work focuses on issues at the intersection of competition policy, economic security, and national security.
- **Raphael Mburu** is the head of Mergers and Acquisitions at the Competition Authority of Kenya.
- **Ivo Nobel** is head of the Netherlands Bureau for Investment Screening (BTI) at the Ministry of Economic Affairs after 15 years of experience at the Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets.

All the participants will share their experiences from their different points of view in the interplay between merger analysis and FDI screening.

The webinar will be held on Microsoft Teams – please find the relevant link immediately below.

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