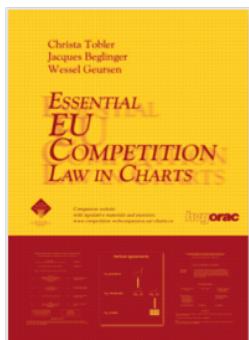


# Essential EU Competition Law in Charts - a field manual



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The idea behind this “**field manual**” is for *in-house lawyers, compliance professionals, consultants, attorneys, officers in European or national public administration and students* to benefit from a comprehensive set of 75 charts illustrating the “core” of EU competition law together with a brief companion text that relates back to the charts. This concept was developed through the combined professional experience of the authors, in both legal practice and in academia.

*Visualising law*, as the authors are attempting to do in this book by means of charts, gives the reader some idea of what the blueprint of the edifice of EU competition law looks like. Not unlike architecture, the basic concepts seem misleadingly simple but the challenge lies in establishing the correct connections between those concepts. That is what this book seeks to achieve.

First, the charts are intended as a *learning tool* for practitioners as well as for students endeavouring to study EU competition law or to brush up on their skills in this field. Indeed most people understand and memorise complex or abstract content more easily if they have some form of visual aid at their disposal. Second, these charts are intended as a *presentation tool*. Whether the task is explaining an issue of EU law to a client, making a presentation before the board of directors of a company or lecturing on EU law in a university, visual tools can be highly useful.

This book is supplemented by a **companion website**, which comprises a number of exercises as well as a comprehensive set of reference legal texts which are available for download and it also informs readers about updates and corrigenda.

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- Tobler C.; Beglinger J., *Essential EU Law in Charts*, 2nd updated and revised "Lisbon" edition 2010, 363 p., HVG-ORAC, ISBN 978-963-258-086-9
- Tobler C.; Beglinger J., *Essential EU Law in Text, Companion publication to Essential EU Law in Charts, With Exercises and Solutions*, 112 p., HVG-ORAC, ISBN 978-963-258-087-6