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Brussels Office Since

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Number of Public Affairs Consultants

👥 Covington's European Public Policy team includes 28 lawyers and policy advisors. In addition, a large number of other colleagues across the firm contribute to our global public policy projects in Europe and beyond.

Key Specialisms

- ⊗ Chemicals
- ⊗ Competition & Antitrust
- ⊗ Digital Services &
- ⊗ Technology Hardware
- ⊗ Energy
- ⊗ Food and Drink
- ⊗ Healthcare
- ⊗ Personal & Household Goods
- ⊗ Sustainability & Environment
- ⊗ Trade

About Covington

Firm Description

Building a successful global business involves navigating the intersection of law and public policy for every country and every region in which you operate. Covington helps clients worldwide achieve critical business objectives by combining legal, political, and policy expertise to provide strategic advice and advocacy.

In an increasingly regulated world, Covington has an exceptional ability to help clients navigate their most complex business problems, deals and disputes. Our focus lies in highly-regulated sectors – technology, energy, environment, financial services, competition and trade policy.

Our distinctively collaborative culture allows us to be truly one team globally, drawing on the diverse experience of lawyers and advisors across the firm, sharing insight and expertise seamlessly. What sets us apart is our ability to combine deep knowledge of policy and policymakers, and one of the world's leading regulatory practices, and the tremendous strength in our litigation, investigations, and corporate practices. This enables us to create novel solutions to our clients' toughest problems, successfully try their toughest cases and deliver commercially practical advice of the highest quality.

Led by Global Public Policy Chair Sebastian Vos, Covington's European Public Policy team draws on a range of former policymakers, including politicians, lawyers, public affairs practitioners, diplomats and economists, as well as several policy advisors with deep substantive know-how in a range of sectors. The team offers clients unparalleled insight into the workings of EU political processes and institutions.

Ownership Structure

Limited Liability Partnership.

Key Clients

Business Software Alliance, Eat JUST, EUCOPE, ExxonMobil, Illumina, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Meta, Microsoft, Monster Energy Company, Temasek, and Uber.

International Structure

With over 1,300 professionals in 13 offices worldwide, Covington has policy capability and experience in over 100 countries – working through our own team of experts, excellent contacts in the European External Action Service and the U.S. State Department, and established partnerships with a variety of highly respected law and public policy firms that can help with on-the-ground execution.

Key Strengths

Our senior advisors include a range of former policymakers – such as Cecilia Malmström, former European Commissioner for Trade; Andris Piebalgs, former European Commissioner for Energy; Carl Bildt, former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Sweden; Erika Mann, a former leading Member of the European Parliament; Sir Michael Leigh, former European Commission Director General for Enlargement; Ambassadors Péter Balás and Karel Kovanda, former European Commission Deputy Directors General for Trade and External Relations, respectively; Ambassador Jean De Ruyt, former Permanent Representative of Belgium to the European Union; Sabine Lautenschläger, former Vice-Chair of the Single Supervisory Mechanism at the European Central Bank (ECB); and, in the UK, Thomas Reilly, a former British Ambassador and Head of Government Relations at Royal Dutch Shell, now Covington's Head of UK Public Policy; and Lord Francis Maude, former Europe and Trade Minister for the UK.

Testimonials and why clients like to work with us

As a Band 1 firm ranked in Chambers, we receive praise both from market commentators and clients:

"In Europe, they have the top guys for regulatory work."

"I think they are best in class, at UK or European level."

"Sebastian Vos has a no-nonsense style and gives good advice."



We Help Clients Navigate Issues at the Intersection of Law and Policy Around the World

Covington has the largest public policy team at a law firm in Europe, combining the tremendous strength in our litigation, investigations, and corporate practices with regulatory expertise and deep knowledge of policy and policymakers.

“We experienced outstanding service and technical knowledge. They are politically savvy and have deep political networks.”

Client feedback, *Chambers* legal directory

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