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Brussels Office Since

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Number of Public Affairs Consultants

🔗 Covington's European Public Policy team includes 6 full-time public policy lawyers and 6 senior advisors. Many other regulatory colleagues across the firm contribute to our public policy work in Europe.

Key Specialisms

- ⓧ Chemicals
- ⓧ Competition & Antitrust
- ⓧ Digital Services & Technology Hardware
- ⓧ ESG
- ⓧ Food and Drink
- ⓧ Healthcare
- ⓧ Personal & Household Goods
- ⓧ 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, life sciences, energy, environment, 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.

Ownership Structure

Limited Liability Partnership.

Key Clients

Advanced Bionics, Altana, Cisco, Johnson & Johnson, Microsoft, MHP, Monster Energy Company, and SCM.

International Structure

With over 1,300 professionals in 14 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

Covington's European Public Policy team draws on a range of former policymakers, including politicians, lawyers, public affairs practitioners, diplomats and economists. The team offers clients unparalleled insight into the workings of EU political processes and institutions.

Our EU-focused senior advisors include Cecilia Malmström, former European Commissioner for Trade; Andris Piebalgs, former European Commissioner for Energy; Elżbieta Bieńkowska, former European Commissioner for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs; Carl Bildt, former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Sweden; Ambassador Péter Balás, former European Commission Deputy Directors General for Trade and External Relations, respectively; and Ambassador Jean De Ruyt, former Permanent Representative of Belgium to the European Union and former President of the Council of the EU.

We can combine this team's deep experience with insights from colleagues based in London, Frankfurt and Dublin to help our clients engage in regulatory policymaking processes across Europe.

Testimonials and why clients like to work with us

As a Band 1 firm ranked in Chambers (12 yrs ranked), 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."

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



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

Covington combines regulatory expertise and deep knowledge of policy and policymakers with strong litigation, investigations, and corporate practices to create novel solutions to our clients' toughest problems.

“Covington & Burling uniquely blends advocacy with a deep understanding of the legal and regulatory framework in Europe and across its member states.”

Client feedback, *Chambers* legal directory

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