

Valerio Giovannini

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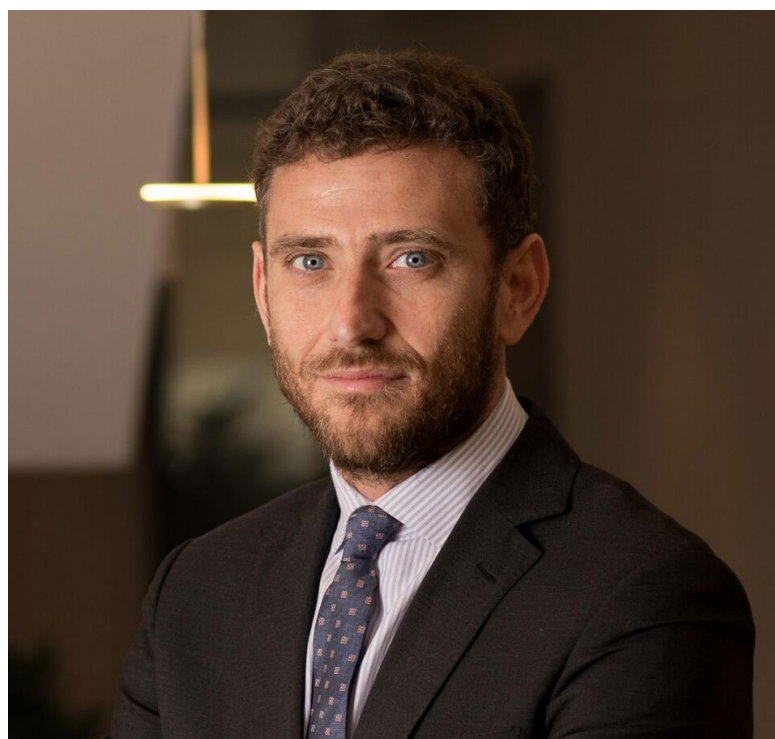
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Languages spoken

Italian | English | French | Spanish



About Valerio

Valerio Giovannini is an Italian-qualified lawyer, and a member of the European Public Policy Practice based in Brussels. He advises clients on a wide range of EU regulatory matters, with a particular focus on the EU Green Deal, environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues, chemicals and transport-related legislation.

Valerio has developed strong expertise in EU climate and emissions legislation, particularly under the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS), with a specific focus on emissions from the shipping sector. He also regularly advises clients on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), supporting them with regulatory compliance strategies and tracking legislative developments.

He counsels clients in the automotive sector on diverse regulatory matters, including technical vehicle legislation, the EU Batteries Regulation and the current and forthcoming rules on vehicle emissions and fuels.

Valerio is also active in the field of chemicals regulation, with experience in the proposed universal per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) restriction. In this area, he closely follows the ongoing restriction procedure and has supported multiple clients in the first phases of the process.

Before joining the firm, Valerio was head of regulatory law at a Berlin-based mobility tech company, where he advised on EU climate, environmental and competition law. He previously worked at UEFA on EU regulatory matters related to public funding and state aid for sports infrastructure, and at an agency of the Presidency of the Italian Council of Ministers, focusing on international and European public law.

Experience

- Advised clients in the shipping industry on the expansion of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) to the maritime sector, the FuelEU Maritime Regulation and the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Regulation, to support compliance efforts and clarify the interrelation of obligations arising from these legal frameworks.
- Assisted clients in understanding the proposed universal restriction on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and provided support in preparing and submitting derogation proposals during the European Commission's public consultation process.

- Counseled a major client in the packaging sector in a pre-litigation phase concerning potential liability for the payment of environmental contributions.
- Provided legal advice to a major client in the machinery manufacturing sector on matters involving technical vehicle regulations, the EU Battery Regulation and legal warranty obligations applicable to producers.
- Advised several international clients engaged in the importation of steel and aluminum on the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), with particular focus on the reporting requirements during the transitional period and preparation for compliance in the implementation phase.
- Drafting, management and implementation of the EU regulatory strategy for a leading company operating in the mobility sector.
- Legal advice on EU laws related to corporate sustainability, due diligence and reporting, and vehicle, battery and machinery regulations, among others.
- Advice on compliance with EU competition law in the participation in public tenders for the provision of mobility services.
- Negotiation and drafting of memoranda of understanding between a leading sports organization and public institutions, including the European Parliament, the European Commission and the United Nations (Geneva Office and agencies operating in the field of human rights).
- Representation at the Council of Europe on issues related to sports and human rights.
- Design, implementation and management of a system of access to public funds for sports organizations and advice on European state aid regulation, European structural funds and other relevant public funds.
- Drafting of legal opinions and of national positions on issues related to EU laws on digital and innovation (i.e., geo-blocking regulation) on behalf of the Italian government.

Credentials

Education

- Lancaster University, LL.M., Public International Law, 2022
- Kadir Has University, Certificate of Advanced Studies in Sports Law, 2021
- Roma TRE University, LL.M., Comparative Law, 2009
- Roma TRE University, Bachelor Degree, Law, Public Law, 2007

Admissions

- Belgium (EU List), 2024
- Italy, 2017

Expertise

Services

- Public Policy

Industries

- Automotive & Transportation
- Chemicals

- Energy & Natural Resources

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