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Languages: English and Italian



Expertise

- Antitrust
- Antitrust Damages
- State Aid

Sectors

- Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences
- Postal and logistics
- Retail and Consumer
- Transport

Profile

With over ten years of professional experience in the UK and Italy, Roberto is an expert in the field of competition economics, and has significant expertise in state aid and quantification of follow-on antitrust damages. He has acquired a strong reputation for his work on a number of high-profile cases on behalf of private and public sector clients, including competition authorities and sector regulators. These range from cartel and abuse of dominance cases to state aid, litigation, mergers, and retrospective evaluation of policy decisions.

During his professional career, Roberto has provided economic advice across a wide range of sectors, including communications, energy, financial services, food and drink, healthcare, life sciences, public infrastructure and transport, among others.

Before joining Oxera, Roberto worked for one of the Big Four consulting firms in London, at the UK Office of Fair Trading (the predecessor of the Competition and Markets Authority), and for an Italian economics consultancy.

Selected professional experience

- Leading the Oxera team in the definition of the public service obligation regime for air transportation services for a national authority (2020–)
- Economic advice in the context of a follow-on damages claim in the Netherlands in relation to an abuse of dominance case in the food and drink industry (2020–)
- Leading the Oxera team advising on the state aid and regulatory implications of the development of a highway infrastructure in Italy (2020–)
- Leading the Oxera team advising a regional authority in Italy in the context of start-up aid granted to airlines for the launching of new routes (2020)
- Economic advice to a national energy regulator in designing the auction mechanism to liberalise the retail electricity market (2019–20)
- Managing the Oxera team advising two companies active in the provision of maintenance services on the fixed telecommunications network, in the context of two separate follow-on damages claims (2019–)
- Leading the Oxera team advising a company active in the packaging sector involved in a cartel case before the Italian Competition Authority (2019–)
- Managing the Oxera team advising a transmission system operator in quantifying antitrust damages from the high voltage power cables cartel fined by the European Commission (2019–)
- Leading the Oxera team advising a multinational pharmaceutical company in Italy on R&D&I state aid matters (2019)
- Managing the Oxera team advising a company in the maritime industry in the context of the quantification of antitrust damages from an exclusionary abuse of dominance (2018–)
- Leading and managing various Oxera teams advising airport management companies in Italy in relation to state aid matters concerning the application of the market economy operator principle (2018–20)
- Leading the Oxera team advising a universal service provider of postal services on regulatory compliance with the margin squeeze test (2019)
- Managing the Oxera team advising a universal service provider of postal services in assessing the financial unfairness of the burden resulting from the net cost of the universal service obligation (2019)
- Managing the Oxera team advising a national airports association in responding to the EC's fitness check on the 2014 Aviation State Aid Guidelines (2019)
- Managing the Oxera team advising a company active in the food industry, in the context of a merger cleared in Phase I by the CMA (2018)
- Managing the Oxera team advising on an investigation by the Italian Competition Authority into a potential anticompetitive conduct by two companies in the pharmaceutical sector; the case was closed (2018)
- Managing the Oxera team advising a regional airport in Italy in relation to state aid matters relating to an investment project falling under the General Block Exemption Regulation (2017–)
- Economic advice and strategic support to a UK company in assessing the likely competition risks arising from three potential transactions in the UK healthcare sector (2014–17)
- Managing the ex-post evaluation of eight UK merger cases cleared by the CMA and its predecessor bodies, with a focus on market entry and expansion, as part of a project commissioned by the CMA (2016–17)
- Economic advice to one of the largest UK banks in the context of the CMA's investigation into the supply of personal current accounts and of banking services to SMEs in the UK (2014–17)

- Economic advice and strategic support to a leading private healthcare provider, in the context of the CMA's market investigation into UK private healthcare provision, and subsequent appeal and remittal inquiry before the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal (2012–16)

Selected publications

- Alimonti, R., Mautino, L. and Stamatii, L. (2020), 'E-Commerce Growth: Competition and Regulatory Implications for the Postal Sector', P. L. Parcu et al. (eds), *The Changing Postal Environment*, Springer.
- Duncan, F., Alimonti, R. and Sharma, S. (2018), 'The Development of Infrastructure Competition and Regulation of Oligopolies in Electronic Communications Markets', *Mercato Concorrenza Regole*, issue 2, pp. 343–384.

Qualifications

- Master Degree Specialised Economic Analysis, Competition and Market Regulation, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Spain
- Laurea Specialistica Social and Economic Sciences, Public Economics and Regulation, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy
- Laurea Triennale European Economics, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy