



## Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners strengthens its Brussels office with the hire of Francesco Maria Salerno

*An expert in EU law, the firm's new partner will head up the Brussels office*

Rome, April 3rd 2017 – The international law firm Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners announces the hire of Partner Francesco Maria Salerno who will join the Brussels office starting April 3rd.

Francesco Maria has extensive experience in EU law dealing directly with matters engaged by the EU Commission and courts of Luxembourg. Apart from his role representing companies affected by antitrust regulations and investigations, Francesco assists on cases arising from state measures such as aids, the regulation in highly harmonized European sectors (such as digital, energy, transportation, post, banking and finance), as well as national competition-restrictive rules concerning the freedoms guaranteed by the internal European market.

Francesco Maria joins the firm after 18 years' service racked up with a leading international law firm where he began in 1999 working from its Rome offices. Having been appointed Senior Attorney in 2010 he transferred to the Brussels office of the firm in 2005.

After earning both Masters and Ph.D degrees from the London School of Economics, Francesco Maria continued his academic and research interests and several of his articles and essays on State aids, independent authorities and antitrust issues have been published by prestigious, European and American legal publishing houses.

Piero Fattori, Head of Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners' Antitrust department states: "The ability to assist our clients in their needs concerning European regulation is becoming a structural element of what we offer. This hiring is the first step towards the further development of our firm's presence in Brussels: a growth in which Francesco Maria will have an important role, not only through deployment of his skills, but also by supporting the firm in scouting the best professionals on the market".

Rosario Zaccà, Co-Managing Partner of Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners adds: "The firm continues to expand its clear international footprint: we are very proud to be able to strengthen our team with Francesco Maria, such a highly regarded and experienced individual, whose expertise will consolidate and assure the levels of excellence our Italian and international clients associate with the firm's name."

Francesco Maria Salerno says: "It was love at first sight. With the other partners we came to realise we share the same passion for work excellence, the courage to undertake new challenges, and the conviction that Europe remains a winning opportunity. The firm's Brussels office is over 10 years old and I am honoured and proud to take over the reins and contribute to writing a new chapter to its story."

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### *Notes to Editor:*

**Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners** is an international law firm with about 400 lawyers distributed in the offices of Rome, Milan, Bologna, Padua, Turin, Abu Dhabi, Brussels, Hong Kong, London and New York.

The Firm is considered among the leaders in Italy in global business services and is active in the field of M&A, Corporate, Banking and Finance, Capital Markets, Antitrust and Regulatory, Real Estate, Litigation and Arbitration, Restructuring, Public Law and Tenders, Environmental, Projects, Tax, Labour, IP, Wealth and Trust.

In 2015 the Firm was awarded "Legal Advisor of the Year" for Italy by Mergermarket.

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