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Competition law in the Balkans.



Merger Filing in the Balkans

Serbia	Montenegro	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Macedonia (FYROM)
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1. What are the merger filing thresholds?

1. The combined global turnover of the parties exceeds EUR 100 million and at least one party's Serbian turnover exceeds EUR 10 million OR 2. The combined Serbian turnover of the parties exceeds EUR 20 million and at least two parties each have a Serbian turnover of more than EUR 1 million.	1. The combined Montenegrin turnover of the parties exceeds EUR 5 million OR 2. The combined global turnover of the parties exceeds EUR 20 million and the Montenegrin turnover of at least one party exceeds EUR 1 million.	1. The combined global turnover of the parties exceeds EUR 50 million AND 2. The Bosnian turnover of each of at least two parties exceeds EUR 4 million or their combined market share on the relevant market exceeds 40%.	1. The combined global turnover of the parties exceeds EUR 10 million and at least one party has a subsidiary in Macedonia OR 2. The combined Macedonian turnover of the parties exceeds EUR 2.5 million OR 3. The market share of a party exceeds 40% or the combined market share of the parties exceeds 60%.
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2. What are the merger filing fees?

25,000.	15,000.	2,300.	600.
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3. Is there a deadline for filing?

Yes, 15 days from the signing of the transaction agreement.	Yes, 15 days from the signing of the transaction agreement.	Yes, 15 days from the signing of the transaction agreement.	No, but the parties must not implement the merger before it is cleared.
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4. How long does a Phase I usually take?

3-4 weeks.	4-6 weeks.	Within one month from the submission of a complete filing.	Around one month.
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5. How many filings are there annually?

100-120.	30-35.	Around 20.	30-40.
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Vertical Agreements in the Balkans

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1. Is individual exemption based on notification or self-assessment?

Notification.	Notification.	Notification.	Self-assessment.
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2. Is there a general block exemption for vertical agreements?

Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
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3. What is the market share threshold for exemption in the general block exemption?

25%	30%	30%	30%
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4. Are there also special block exemptions for vertical agreements?

No.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
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5. Is leniency possible for vertical agreements?

Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.
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What is special about our competition team?

1.

Expertise.

We are proud to be the only competition team in the region with two attorneys who hold a PhD in competition team.

2.

Merger filing app.

We have developed an innovative way of checking the merger filing thresholds in Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Macedonia (FYROM) – an online app available on our website.

3.

Competition blog.

Our competition blog (www.gajin.rs) is possibly the most relevant source of competition news and insights concerning the Western Balkans.

4.

Competition newsletter.

Each month, our competition team publishes a competition newsletter with the latest developments in the Western Balkans. It is the only such publication around.

5.

Regional approach.

We fully understand that our clients often view the Western Balkans as one market. Our lawyers have a plethora of experience throughout the region and are able to serve clients across the regional borders.



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