

ICT and Telecommunications

Our practice

Today's businesses are developing new, efficient, and innovative ways of sourcing IT and communications products and services. ALTIUS' ICT team has a wealth of experience in managing all the legal, regulatory and operational risks that you might face in this rapidly-changing landscape.

We offer a full range of legal advice in the ICT area. We have deep expertise in a number of the key issues that are shaping this sector, including e-commerce, digital signatures, trade practices, (on-line) advertising, and general commercial law. The team has developed a particular expertise in privacy and data protection and regularly assists clients in their compliance with Belgian data protection (particularly privacy audits and EU-wide data protection compliance), and electronic communications law. We also advise spin-offs active in the ICT sector with the legal issues relating to their service and product portfolios.

We assist hardware manufacturers, software developers, system integrators, e-commerce players, telecommunication operators and suppliers of other ICT-related services, such as consulting, support and maintenance services.

We take a hands-on approach, advising not just on the letter of the law, but also making practical, creative suggestions for you to consider. We stand by your side in assessing all the legal risks and helping you identify opportunities and capitalising on them.

Our team members regularly speak at seminars and industry events. The team has long-standing relations with regulators, academics and business people. We are members of various networks that offer us the opportunity to team up with other industry members. For instance, we are member of Internet Advertising Bureau and Gerrit Vandendriessche is the co-founder and secretary of BETECH.

How we can help

- Computer law
- Data protection law
- Internet law
- Telecom law
- Advertising, marketing and promotion
- Commercial agreements
- Competition and regulatory issues
- Contract law
- Dispute resolution
- Employment
- IP and brand protection issues
- M&A, joint ventures and strategic alliances
- Product liability

Market recognition

"Gerrit Vandendriessche is always willing to go the extra mile. He is very knowledgeable and pragmatic at the same time." – Legal 500, 2022

"The team consists of a smart team of people always willing to help." – Legal 500, 2022

"We have been very satisfied by the ability of the team we have worked with. They provided us with very good and comprehensive advice on the way the different aspects of the business should, to protect us as required, be covered in a sales purchase agreement." – Legal 500, 2021

"Despite multiple discussions with several people in parallel, each ALTIUS team member was up-to-date in knowing the progress made on the different workstreams. This has been facilitating the coordination of all actions."
- Legal 500, 2021

"Technologies, internet & telecommunications : Leading"- Leaders League, 2020

The *"very client-centric"* ICT team at ALTIUS provides *"hands-on and practical advice, availability and in-depth regulatory knowledge"*. The practice acts for an impressive client roster, which spans market-leading companies, start-ups and spin-offs, in high-profile litigation; the group also handles commercial transactions and corporate and regulatory matters. – Legal 500, 2020

"They know their subject very well and can explain it as well. They are also able to make a bridge to IT people." - Legal 500, 2020

Gerrit Vandendriessche is *"a market-leading specialist in IT and privacy"* and advises on commercial matters and ICT litigation. *"He is also very practical and responsive in his dealings with clients and peers."* - Legal 500, 2020

Interviewees laud Gerrit Vandendriessche for his knowledge of IT matters. He has broad experience assisting clients with GDPR compliance in the healthcare, technology and food industries. - Chambers Europe, 2020

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