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BACKGROUND

Francesca graduated from the University of Napoli – Federico II (*magna cum laude*) and holds an LL.M. from the King's College London (in competition law). Prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills, she worked for international law firms.

She is a frequent speaker on various topics related to the energy matters and contributor to law publications and websites.

KEY SERVICES

Competition, Regulation and Trade
Mergers & Acquisitions

KEY SECTORS

Energy M&A
Oil and Gas

EXPERIENCE

Francesca has acquired material experience in the energy sector, where she has advised several market operators on contractual, regulatory and competition matters (including TPA exemption applications, golden power rules, import license etc.).

Francesca has extensive knowledge of energy regulatory matters and industry contracts (EPC and O&M contracts, drilling contracts, LNG and natural gas sale agreements, power purchase agreements, storage agreements, transportation agreements, regasification contracts, general terms of supply to final customers, energy efficiency contracts etc.) and in the

development of power projects (both from conventional and renewable sources and merchant lines) and gas infrastructures (LNG regasification terminals, gas storages, pipelines). She also advises on competition matters, including merger control, horizontal and vertical agreements, abuses of dominant position, state aids and on consumers' protection law.

She is recognised as one of the leading experts in Italy in the energy sector by various publications such as *Legal500* (Leading Individual), *Who's Who Legal Energy*, and *LegalCommunity*.

Francesca's experience includes advising:

- Interconnector Italia on the regulatory and contractual aspects of the development of a merchant interconnector project (Italy-France) (2017 PFI Power Deal of the Year, 2018 TXF Perfect 10 Deals of the Year by Trade & Export Finance and 2018 LegalCommunity Energy Deal of the Year).
- DXT Commodities in the structuring of the first corporate PPA in Italy for the electricity generated by a wind farm (owned by Fera)
- TrailStone in the first ever 10 years PPA in Italy for the offtake of power from a non-subsidized PV plant
- Dolomiti and Alperia in the antitrust aspects of the creation of Neogy, a joint venture active in the smart mobility sector
- Various operators in the implementation of REMIT, MAR, MIFID II and EMIR compliance programs