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## Trans-atlantic firms join forces

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**US economics consultancy firm Bates White LLC has entered into partnership with Germany's ESMT Competition Analysis to provide antitrust litigation services.**

According to Bates White, the alliance will enhance both firms' capabilities, and provide greater scope for handling international and transnational competition matters.

Matthew Raiff, managing partner of Bates White, says the partnership provides, "a unique combination of analytical skills, enforcement experience, and intellectual resources."

ESMT Competition Analysis was founded by Lars-Hendrik Röller, former chief competition economist at the European Commission. Röller is president of ESMT, and a professor of economics at Humboldt University in Berlin. He is also the current president of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics.

Charles Bates, of Bates White, says he is excited about the new partnership. "We're pleased to be working with such a distinguished colleague as Dr Röller," he says. "We will be able to provide a complete range of economic analysis capabilities to serve our clients' global consulting needs."

Says Röller: "Bates White provided a distinguished partner with a proven track record of first class, research-based consulting in US antitrust and competition cases."

Hans Friederiszick, managing director of ESMT Competition Analysis, says the partnership stems from a common interest in research-based consulting. "Our focus is on robust empirical analysis" he says. "Meanwhile, our clients gain access to a truly integrated team of highly-skilled consultants and top academics on both sides of the Atlantic."

ESMT Competition Analysis provides economic analysis, and advice and research in the field of competition policy and regulation. It is a subsidiary of ESMT European School of Management and Technology, founded in 2002 by 25 German companies and associations to establish an international business school with a European focus.

Bates White offers consulting advice to law firms, businesses and government agencies. It has offices in Washington, DC and San Diego, California.