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Our regional presence

Allen & Overy has one of the largest and best known practices in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and is one of the few major international firms with a well-established and expanding presence in the region.

We have offices in four key centres – Warsaw, Prague, Budapest and Bratislava – and the offices have close working ties and are fully integrated with our global network. Consequently, we offer a seamless service to our clients across the region and beyond.

Lawyers operating from these offices also coordinate projects in other Central and South Eastern European countries, particularly Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia. In each case, we work closely with a small number of experienced local law firms who have worked with us on successful large scale and international transactions in the past.



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Our comprehensive legal expertise

Our clients value the fully integrated service we can provide for domestic and cross-border matters across all practice areas in the CEE region, combining our international experience with local expertise and knowledge of local market conditions and regulators. We provide advice on local as well as English and EU laws.

Banking & Finance

- Asset Finance
- Acquisition and Leveraged Finance
- Corporate Lending
- Export Finance
- Financial Services Regulation and Investigations
- Project Finance
- Real Estate Finance
- Restructuring

Capital Markets

- Debt Capital Markets
- Derivatives and Structured Finance
- Equity Capital Markets
- Investment Funds and Structures
- Securitisation

Corporate /M&A

- Commercial
- Corporate Governance
- Employment and Benefits
- Intellectual Property
- Joint Ventures
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Takeovers and Public M&A

Competition/ Antitrust

- Antitrust and Antitrust Compliance
- Merger Control
- Novel Business Solutions
- Consumer Protection
- Antimonopoly Audits
- Competition Litigation
- State Aid

Dispute Resolution

- Banking, Finance and Securities Disputes
- Competition Litigation
- Consumer Disputes
- Commercial and Contract Disputes
- Corporate Disputes and Corporate Governance
- Employment Disputes
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- International Arbitration
- Real Estate Litigation
- Restructuring and Insolvency Litigation

Real Estate

- Acquisitions and Sales
- Corporate Occupiers and Leasing
- Real Estate Development and Planning
- Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate Funds
- Joint Ventures and Structures

Environment & Regulatory

- Climate Change
- Emissions & Carbon Trading
- Environmental Disputes
- Environmental Protection and Compliance
- EIA/IPPC
- REACH
- Renewables and Clean Technology
- Transactional Support
- Waste Management

Tax

- Cross-Border Tax Planning
- Financial Products
- International Capital Markets
- Investment Funds
- Mergers and Acquisitions, Spinoffs and Divestitures
- Real Estate
- Tax Litigation

Our sector expertise



Financial institutions



Industrial and manufacturing



Real estate



Retail and consumer goods



Private equity



Life sciences



Energy and natural resources



Infrastructure and transport



Telecommunications, media and technology

Some of our key deals

Czech Republic

Raiffeisenbank a.s.

on its EUR500m issuance of senior non-preferred MREL-eligible sustainable notes issued under its international debt issuance programme. A sum equivalent to the net proceeds will be used to finance or re-finance loans to projects and activities that promote climate-friendly and other environmental or sustainable purposes. It is a transaction which is unique in the entire CEE region.

W.A.G payment solutions plc

((Eurowag), a leading pan-European integrated payments & mobility platform focused on the commercial road transportation industry, on its entry into a strategic partnership with JITpay™ Group, a Germany-based payment service provider specialising in the logistics industry.

Allwyn

UniCredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia, a.s. and other banks on the EUR1.6bn financing of Allwyn, a leading global lottery operator.

Colt IPO

Colt CZ Group SE (formerly CZG - Česká zbrojovka Group SE) on its IPO and the listing of its shares on the Prime Market of the Prague Stock Exchange.

Accolade

Accolade in connection with a EUR137.5mn development and investment loan to finance the construction of an innovative distribution centre for Amazon in Kojetín, the Czech Republic, in CEE this is the largest-ever loan for a single industrial rental property.

České Radiokomunikace

Cordiant Digital Infrastructure Limited (CDIL) on its acquisition of České Radiokomunikace a.s., a leading telecommunications, media and technology infrastructure and services provider in the Czech Republic, from funds managed by Macquarie Asset Management.

Hungary

Taxually

a tax compliance software solutions provider, on the sale of a minority stake to Ardian.

Aegon

on the sale of its insurance, pension and asset management business in Hungary, Poland, Romania and Turkey to Vienna Insurance Group AG Wiener Versicherung Gruppe.

Nestlé Hungary

on its record breaking bond issue of HUF115bn in Hungary.

Raiffeisen Bank Hungary

in relation to the inaugural Growth Bond issue of Gedeon Richter Plc.

MOL

on its inaugural and the subsequent Growth Bond (NKP) issues. The inaugural issue was the first issue of HUF bonds under the Funding for Growth Scheme operated by the National Bank of Hungary.

ING Hungary

in the European Court of Justice in Case C-228/18 Budapest Bank v GVH and in the Hungarian Supreme Court in relation to the review of the Hungarian Competition Authority's decision related to multilateral interchange fees.

China National Machinery Import and Export

in relation to a project financing provided by Bank of China for development, maintenance and operation of a 100MW solar power plant in Kaposvár, Hungary. The ongoing project is one of the largest solar plants in Hungary and the CEE region.

Poland

Aramco

on its investment in Poland's refining, wholesale, and jet fuel marketing segments through a number of acquisitions from PKN Orlen.

Cordiant Digital Infrastructure Limited

on its acquisition of Emitel from Astatine Investment Partners.

Ørsted

on a joint venture with PGE Polska Grupa Energetyczna S.A. for the development, construction and operation of two offshore wind projects in the Baltic Sea, with a total potential capacity of up to 2.5GW.

OX2

on the sale of a wind farm and solar farm in Poland by its affiliate to Ingka Investments, the investment arm of Ingka Group, the world's largest IKEA franchise.

A club of lenders

on a landmark transaction of a EUR863.5m financing for DCT Sp. z o.o. in relation to, among others, the construction of Terminal 3 of the deep water container terminal in Gdansk.

EDPR

as sponsor, on the financing of a portfolio of six wind farms in Poland with an aggregate capacity of up to approx. 149.4MW.

Santander Bank Polska

in connection with a PLN1bn facility granted to Allegro group.

A club of banks

on a credit facility agreement amounting to PLN5.5bn for P4 sp. z o.o., operating under the brand name 'Play', to partially finance the acquisition of shares in UPC Polska sp. z o.o.

A group of financial institutions

on a EUR1.5bn financing granted to a portfolio of companies managed by EXETER Group that included various logistics assets across Europe.

PKO Bank Polski

on establishing a EUR4bn EMTN programme and drawdown under the programme.

Slovakia

Penta Hospitals International

on the EUR150m syndicated loan financing provided by eight banks.

Slovenská sporiteľňa

on EUR500m inaugural green covered bond benchmark issuance in Slovakia.

A.P. Møller Holding

on its acquisition of Unilabs from funds advised by Apax Partners.

Západoslovenská distribučná and Východoslovenská distribučná

in 55+ disputes concerning energy regulation in Slovakia.

Syndicate of banks led by Erste Group Bank

on the financing of acquisition of the shopping center Aupark Bratislava, a record acquisition on Slovak real estate market.

U.S. Steel Košice

on the outsourcing of its blast furnace slag (BF slag) operations to Danucem, which will result in the processing of granulated BF slag and air-cooled slag into cement and other cement-related products.

Regional experience

EBRD

on financing of the construction of a 140MWp solar power plant in the Karavasta region of Albania by Voltalia as sponsor.

Korea Water Resources Corporation

as lead sponsors on a 280MW Nenskra Hydro Power Project in the country of Georgia.

EuroCape New Energy Limited

on the development of a 500MW wind project in Zaporizhia, Ukraine, which will nearly double the country's wind power capacity. Once finished, it will be Europe's largest onshore wind power plant with a capacity of 500MW generated by 3.3-MW turbines.

EBRD

on financing for Societatea Nationala De Transport Gaze Naturale Transgaz, the national gas transmission grid operator. The loan is to finance the construction of Phase 1 of the Bulgaria-Romania-Hungary-Austria pipeline/corridor (BRUA project) and three compressor stations in Romania.

International Finance Corporation

on the financing of the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the Alibunar wind farm with a 42MW installed capacity in Serbia, developed by Elicio.

EBRD, KfW IPEX-Bank and Euler Hermes

on the financing of the 72MW Krnovo wind farm in Montenegro, developed by Akuo Energy.

W.A.G payment solutions plc

(a leading pan-European integrated payments & mobility platform focused on the Commercial Road Transportation industry) on its acquisition of substantially all of the assets of WebEye Telematics, a leading fleet management solution provider in Central and Eastern Europe based in Budapest.

“They are very supportive, providing us with solutions on all specific aspects. The quality is very high, and the feedback is perfect.”

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“One client says: ‘Allen & Overy has advised us for several years with various legal matters and we have always been satisfied with the provided services. The team knows some of the internal specifics of our group and therefore the cooperation is often easier and effective’.”

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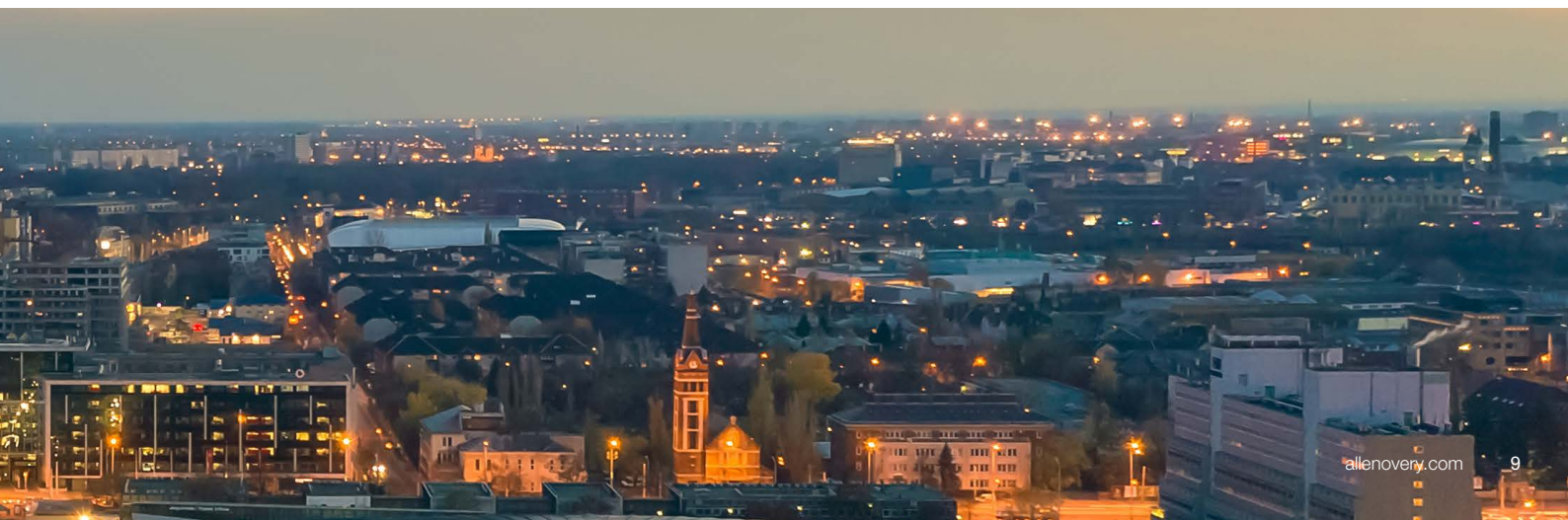
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