

## LIDC Working Group on Distribution, Franchising & eCommerce

<b>Participants</b>	LIDC members on inscription, possible to join at any time. Participants are expected to actively participate by sharing their knowledge and experience.
<b>Range of activities</b>	Informal discussions, experience sharing, invitation of external speakers, case law and legislation review, drafting of working papers on specific topics, any other activity of interest for participants
<b>Frequency</b>	Every other month, more often if requested by participants. Suggested time for online meetings: 12.30 to 13.30 CET. Some activities may be conducted by email exchange
<b>Fields covered</b>	All distribution models: franchising, distribution, agency, online/offline/omnichannel, eCommerce, platform distribution, platform intermediaries
<b>Targeted legislation</b>	All IP related matters (brand & know how protection, etc), competition/antitrust, unfair competition, e-commerce law, consumer law, data protection, economic dependence, B2B practices and any other legislation having an impact on distribution models
<b>Discussion points</b>	<p>Participants will be encouraged to suggest topics for discussion and possibly introduce those to the working group. Co-chairs will fix the agenda and moderate the discussions.</p> <p>Some initial suggestions: (i) exchange of information in dual distribution; (ii) protection of know how in franchising; (iii) data protection in distribution/franchising; (iv) VBER follow up; (v) brand protection in distribution/franchising; (vi) legal issues related to omnichannel strategies; (vii) impact of DSA on eCommerce; (viii) security concerns and eCommerce; (ix) parallel imports, IP exhaustion and competition law; (x) BREXIT related issues; (xi) enforcement of post-termination obligations in Franchising agreements (non-competition limits; right of preference over goods and establishment of Franchisee, etc.)</p>
<b>Registration</b>	<a href="mailto:info@ligue.org">info@ligue.org</a>
<b>Co-chairs</b>	Felipe B. Oquendo, Péter Mezei, Michel Ponsard, Carmen Verdonck, Andrea Zinober, Pranvera Këllezi