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BRUSSELS COMPETITION TEAM IN 'CONCURRENCES' ON ICN'S RECOMMENDED PRACTICES FOR MERGER CONTROL

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SUMMARY

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Later in September, Anderson will join officials from more than 140 antitrust agencies from around the world and their non-governmental advisers (NGA) at the first-ever [virtual ICN Annual Conference](#), where they will discuss and debate the most pressing issues focusing on the digital economy affecting antitrust and competition law in 2020. Anderson is an NGA for the European Commission and has been asked by the ICN's Cartel Working Group (CWG) to lead a plenary panel discussion on "Big Data and Cartelization" featuring agency heads and senior officials from the French, Italian, US, Russian and Greek antitrust agencies. Anderson is managing partner of BCLP's Brussels office. His practice focuses on EU and international antitrust aspects of mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, cartels, commercial agreements and abuses of dominant positions.

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