Swiss Competition Law and Enforcement System

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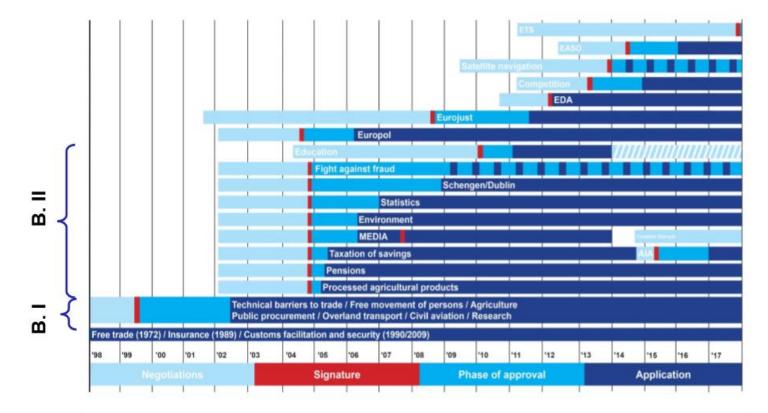
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Switzerland

Switzerland's special position within Europe...

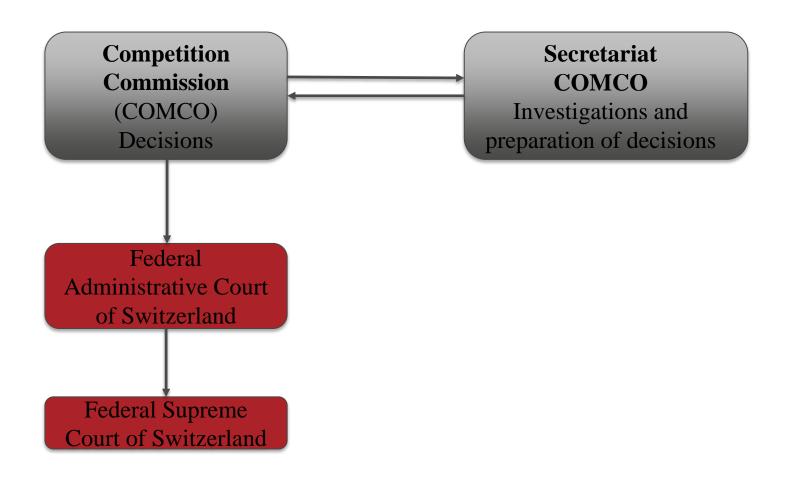
- > Non-EU member state
- > Non-EEA member state
- > Relationship with the EU governed through bilateral agreements
- ...also affects its competition law:
- > Non-ECN member state
- > Switzerland has its own competition law with its own case-law
- > Swiss competition law in its essence (materially) similar to EU competition, however with a "Swiss finish"
- Own competition authorities (in principle no competence of the EU Commission, with the exception of the field of civil aviation – bilateral agreement applicable)

Bilateral agreements Switzerland–EU



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Swiss Enforcement Model



Cooperation Agreement in Competition Matters

- Agreement between Switzerland and the EU concerning cooperation on the application of their competitions laws (in force since December 1, 2014)
 - regulates and facilitates the exchange of information and the transmission of documents
 - regulates the procedural guarantees of the parties concerned
 - not sector-specific
- > Bilateral Agreement between Switzerland and the EU on Civil Aviation
 - Provides for a competence of the EU Commission in cooperation with Swiss Competition Commission in certain limited areas in the field of civil aviation