

# Michael Weekes

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## Expertise

- Antitrust
- Infrastructure
- Public Policy and Impact Assessment
- Regulation

## Sectors

- Digital
- Telecoms, Media and Technology

## Profile

Michael is an experienced economist with specialist expertise in telecoms (mobile and fixed), media, and digital services. As a senior member of Oxera's Digital, Telecommunications, Media and Technology (DTMT) team, he applies economic concepts to provide advice on the issues faced by private companies and public sector authorities. This includes advice on matters relating to the design of regulatory policy to promote investment, cost-benefit analyses, market reviews, state aid assessments and litigation support for competition disputes and regulatory appeals.

Michael is experienced in managing the delivery of large projects for clients, presenting results in front of regulators and competition authorities and supporting experts and Counsel in Court proceedings.

## Selected professional experience

- Advised the Irish telecoms regulator, ComReg, in relation to price controls and the design of an ex ante regulatory margin squeeze test in the wholesale broadband market (2022–24)
- Advised BT Group in relation to a collective actions case against it for alleged excessive pricing on standalone fixed voice services brought in front of the Competition Appeal Tribunal (2021–24)
- Advised Telemach Hrvatska, a subsidiary of United Group, in assessing wholesale access and leased lines prices in the context of a potential margin squeeze in the Croatian broadband market (2020–21)

- Advised the Regulatory Authority of Bermuda on its review of all electronic communications markets on the island, including developing and implementing regulatory remedies (2019–21)
- Delivered microeconomics and industrial organisation training to the Irish telecoms regulator, ComReg (2020)
- Advised ComReg on a consumer protection investigation, including on the level of financial penalty to apply (2019–20)
- Advised a Czech mobile network provider throughout the European Commission antitrust investigation (Article 101) into mobile network sharing (2019–2020)
- Provided a report for the Broadband Stakeholder Group on the impact at a local level of investments in very-high-capacity networks such as full-fibre and 5G (2019)
- Assisted the telecoms regulator in a Middle Eastern country with market reviews in the telecoms sector, providing support on market definition, identifying SMP operators and recommending regulatory remedies (2018)
- Supported ComReg with its strategic review of the retail and wholesale markets for non-geographic numbers (2016–18)
- Led the delivery of a study for the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) on the implications of 5G deployment for market structure, market dynamics, business models and competition (2017–18)
- Provided a quantitative evaluation of the direct impacts and deterrent effect of a number of CA98 cases for the UK Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) (2017–18)
- Provided an independent evaluation of the costs and benefits of the BBC's Research and Development department over the previous Charter Period, to support the BBC's Charter renewal negotiation with the government (2017)
- Prepared a research study for the Internet Economy Foundation on the role of access regulation in promoting investment in next-generation access networks (2016)
- Supported BT Group in relation to its appeal of Ofcom's decision to impose passive remedies as part of the Business Connectivity Market Review (2015–17)
- Conducted research for the CMA on the commercial use of consumer data in three UK business sectors: motor insurance, gaming apps, and clothing retail (2015)

## Selected publications

- Flórez Duncan, F. and Weekes, M. (2020), 'Incentivising Investment', *InterMedia*, 48:1, pp. 32–36, International Institute of Communications, April.
- Flórez Duncan, F., Culham, P., Weekes, M. (2019), 'EU broadband: co-investing in a faster future', *Agenda in focus*, September.

## Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Economics, University of Nottingham, UK