Leading Law Firm Muşat & Asociații Partners with the First Distribution Law Pan-European Platform as Romanian know-how repository

Leading Romanian law firm Musat & Asociatii is delighted to announce its partnership with DLC -Distribution Law Center, the first Pan-European platform for lawyers, practitioners and students, aiming to provide essential information on distribution and competition law matters, at both national and European levels.

Developed by leading Brussels firm <u>contrast</u> and combining the outstanding legal expertise of no less than 25 top competition law firms from across 26 jurisdictions in the EU and the UK, the DLC - Distribution Law Center platform will launch on 4 October at midnight CET.

As its sole Romanian partner and contributor, the full-service competition team at **Musat & Asociatii** analyses complex national competition law matters as they apply to distribution agreements, and also offers an integrated analysis from a pan-European perspective.

"Contributing to this Pan-European project alongside other top European law firms, as the "go-to" competition law specialists with the best abilities and expertise, is part of our ongoing commitment to proactively meet client challenges and strategic goals. And from both a practical and academic point of view, this partnership consolidates collaborations developed and strengthened over the years through projects carried out together with the leading, key specialists in this area of law" says **Paul Buta**, *Deputy Managing Partner and coordinator of the Competition law practice*.

<u>About MUŞAT & ASOCIAŢII</u>

MUŞAT & ASOCIAȚII is one of the first law firms established in Romania, immediately after the fall of the communist regime in December 1989. MUŞAT & ASOCIAȚII provides consulting services in all business law areas, including Mergers & Acquisitions, Privatization, Banking, Energy & Natural Resources, Competition, Corporate, Telecommunications & IT, Labour, Tax, Capital Markets, Real Estate, Environmental Law, Litigation & Commercial Arbitration and Criminal Law.

Recognized as one of the pillars of Romania's business law practice, MUŞAT & ASOCIAŢII is constantly recommended by international specialized publications (Chambers & Partners, International Financial Law Review, Legal 500 etc.) as a leading law firm in Romania. Besides, many of its attorneys have been nominated by such publications among the elite of business law in Romania.

În 2019, MUŞAT & ASOCIAŢII won the "Law Firm of the Year in Romania" award, a distinction handed out by the reputed publisher "The Times Legal Innovation" to Romanian law firms with an exceptional track record in 2019, as well as a number of other awards, such as "Best Law Firm in M&A, Public Procurement and Criminal Law".

In 2018, MUŞAT & ASOCIAŢII won the award for the largest M&A Pharma transaction in Romania, for assistance granted to Dr. Max in the acquisition of A&D Pharma group, as well as other awards granted for the areas of practice: Mergers and Acquisitions/Privatization, Infrastructure and PPP/Public Procurement and Criminal Law.

In 2016, MUŞAT & ASOCIAŢII received the award for the largest transaction in the energy field, for assistance granted to Sterling Resources in the process of sale of operations in Romania to Carlyle International Energy

Partners, as well as the award for the largest HORECA transaction for assisting Premier Capital in purchasing McDonald's in Romania (awards granted by Ziarul Financiar, during the Attorney Gala).

In 2015, MUŞAT & ASOCIAŢII won the "Law Firm of the Year in Romania" award, a distinction handed out annually by the reputed British publisher "The Lawyer", and in 2013, MUŞAT & ASOCIAŢII was appointed "Law Firm of the Year in Romania" by International Financial Law Review (IFLR), and this was the second time when the firm was granted this prestigious award, after the distinction received in 2011 (when Romania was included for the first time on the list of countries nominated for the International Financial Law Review (IFLR) awards).

Moreover, in 2012 MUŞAT & ASOCIAŢII won the Gold Award for the "Best Law Firm in Central and Eastern Europe", an accolade awarded by the 2012 International Legal Alliance Summit & Awards, and in 2011, the renowned publication Chambers Europe awarded the "Romanian Law Firm of the Year" trophy to MUŞAT & ASOCIAŢII, the law firm with the best performance in Romania, during the "Chambers Europe Awards for Excellence 2011" gala.