

Bruno Lasserre
Président, Conseil de la Concurrence, France

Bruno Lasserre is, since 28 July 2004, the President of the French Competition Council. This independent authority, strong of a staff of 120 people, is entrusted with the mission of ensuring the application of European and French antitrust law in France.

Bruno Lasserre was born on 4th January 1954. He is a graduate of the French national school of administration, the ENA, after which he joined the French supreme administrative court, the Conseil d'Etat, in 1978. He now has the rank of Conseiller d'Etat.

After eight years spent at the Conseil d'Etat, he joined the French Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, where he was Director for Regulatory Affairs, from 1989 to 1993, and Director General for Posts and Telecommunications, from 1993 to 1997.

During his eight years tenure as head of the French telecommunications regulatory authority, he was the main architect of a comprehensive overhaul of the telecommunications sector, culminating in its full opening to competition, in the creation of an independent regulator and in the privatisation of the historic incumbent.

Upon completion of this reform, he was appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and by the Minister for Industry to lead an international mission due to present it and explain it to foreign governments and authorities.

He returned to the Conseil d'Etat in 1998, where he chaired the 1st Litigation Chamber during three years, before becoming Deputy-Chairman of the Litigation Section, between 2002 and 2004.

In parallel to these functions, he served as Member of the French Competition Council, from 1998 to 2004, before being appointed as President thereof.

He is the author of a number of reports commissioned by the French Prime Minister: "L'Etat et les technologies de l'information: vers une administration à accès pluriel" (La documentation française ed., 2000) and "Pour une meilleure qualité de la réglementation" (La documentation française ed., 2004). He has also published a book on the theme of transparency within the administration ("La transparence administrative", with Bernard Stirn and Noëlle Lenoir, PUF ed., 1986).