

Who we are

Nabarro is one of the UK's leading commercial law firms, with over 115 partners and approximately 350 other lawyers, located in London, Sheffield and Brussels. The firm provides a full range of legal services and has a particular focus and commitment to the technology sector.

Our Alliance consists of August & Debouzy in France, GSK Stockmann + Kollegen in Germany, Nabarro in the UK and Nunziante Magrone in Italy. Each Alliance Member provides a full service capability and is recognised as a leading law firm within its own jurisdiction. Between us we now have 770 lawyers based in 15 offices across 6 European jurisdictions.

The aim of our alliance is to provide our clients with the best advice and service possible on cross-border work. We want our clients to benefit from the long-term relationship that exists between us and each firm's in-depth and specialised knowledge of its local laws and legal culture. Our incentive in working together is to continue to improve our ability to provide our clients with the best quality advice in a seamless way at local rates.

Often, our work takes us outside the countries where we have offices. Where it does, the same philosophy applies. We have pooled our knowledge of the markets to identify a small number of first-rate firms who share our ambitions and culture. Our clients can benefit from our relationship with these firms in the same way that they can benefit from our relationships with each other.



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At Nabarro, GSK Stockmann + Kollegen, August & Debouzy and Nunziante Magrone we work together to meet the legal needs of technology companies and their customers doing or looking to do business in Europe.

We act for some of the world's leading high technology listed companies as well as fast growing enterprises and the investor community specialising in technology.

Drawing on our unique combination of skills, experience and geographical location, we offer a seamless crossborder solution coupled with local knowledge of markets and corporate cultures.

Data protection

The rapid development of digital technologies combined with an increasing customer awareness of data protection and privacy issues means that companies must fully understand and comply with the ever developing European and national regulation in this area.

We offer a complete legal service and have developed legal solutions, both from a European and national perspective that will address and handle the issues faced by our clients in the data protection and privacy area. We can provide assistance in the following areas:

- Data protection and data security compliance.
- Data transfer to countries outside the EU.
- Marketing by mail, fax, telephone, email or SMS.
- Registration requirements.
- Territorial scope of application and enforcement of national privacy regulations.

Impact of data protection regulation

The original purpose of the EU Data Protection Directive, passed in 1995, was to harmonise data protection law between the different EU member states, so as to facilitate the free transfer of personal data within the single market. However, this directive also paved the way for increased data protection and privacy regulation in Europe.

The 2002 EU Directive on the processing of data relating to persons and protection of privacy in electronic communications, and the controversial 2006 EU Directive on the retention of data have changed the way data is managed. As a result there are now legal requirements for the use of email, internet cookies and direct or customized electronic advertisement.

Consequently, companies that infringe data protection and privacy laws are not only at risk of negative publicity but could also be subject to administrative and criminal offences. For example, in Germany an administrative fine of up to € 250,000.00 could be imposed and the fraudulent unauthorized processing of data can attract a prison sentence of up to two years. In addition infringements of data protection law often constitute an infringement of fair business principles which in turn can leave companies exposed to claims by competitors and consumer protection associations.

Our Services

We have developed legal solutions to address the data protection issues faced by our clients. These include:

- Data protection audits and compliance programmes;
- Assisting in the creation of data management procedures;
- Preparing data protection codes of practice for employees;
- Advising on the handling and processing of sensitive personal data;
- Advising on and drafting consent clauses to enable lawful collection and use of data;
- Recommending options for outsourcing and data transfer;
- Offering training and in-house course structures to improve knowledge.

Our clients

We act for multinationals, fast growing US, UK and European businesses as well as technology start-ups. Our clients include leading software and telecommunications companies. We also act for clients in the investor community, including many specialist technology venture capitalists. In addition, we represent the management teams of technology companies undergoing MBOs and MBIs.