

PRESS RELEASE

CoPartners Welcomes Dr. Bülent Gökdemir as Chief Economist / Of Counsel

Istanbul, October 13, 2025 - **CoPartners** is pleased to announce that **Dr. Bülent Gökdemir** has joined the firm as **Chief Economist / Of Counsel**, further enhancing our competition and regulatory practice with his unique blend of legal and economic expertise.

Dr. Gökdemir brings more than 25 years of experience at the **Turkish Competition Authority (TCA)**, where he served as a **Chief Competition Expert** across both the case-handling and economic analysis departments. His deep expertise lies in combining legal and economic perspectives to address complex competition and regulatory issues.

In addition to his public service, Dr. Gökdemir has taken on leadership roles at the United Nations Development Programme as Project Manager and at the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye as Group Advisor. He has also been active in academia, teaching courses on competition, regulation, and the digital economy at Middle East Technical University. Dr. Gökdemir has collaborated with leading business associations and think tanks, including TÜSİAD, TOBB, and TEPAV, on projects shaping economic and regulatory policy, and has authored numerous publications on competition law, economics, and the digital economy. He has authored numerous publications and is frequently invited to speak on competition law and policy at international conferences and academic platforms.

Alongside his role at CoPartners, Dr. Gökdemir is the founder of VALIS Consulting, where he advises national and international companies on competition and regulation, offering a unique perspective grounded in both economics and law.

*“We are delighted to welcome Bülent to CoPartners,” said **Sezin Elçin**, Managing Partner. “His unparalleled experience at the TCA and his ability to combine legal and economic perspectives will significantly strengthen our capacity to deliver strategic, forward-looking solutions to our clients.”*

Emre Önal, Co-Founding Partner, added: *“Bülent’s appointment is a milestone for CoPartners. His ability to bridge law and economics will be invaluable in handling the most complex merger control and investigation matters and will allow us to serve our clients with even greater depth and sophistication.”*

At CoPartners, Dr. Gökdemir will work closely with the partners to provide clients with **multidisciplinary insight at the intersection of law and economics**, addressing the most complex competition and regulatory challenges. His addition reinforces CoPartners’ commitment to delivering global calibre legal advice enriched by enforcer experience and deep sectoral knowledge.

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