



Giulia Ghezzi

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Languages

English, French, Italian

Expertise

Giulia Ghezzi specializes in banking, finance and corporate transactions, with a particular focus on large and complex transactions mainly of project finance, structured finance, acquisition finance and debt restructuring. She has matured experience working with banks, financial institutions, companies and governments in structuring and implementing financial transactions, particularly in the energy and infrastructures sectors. Particular areas of emphasis involve securities, collaterals and capital markets instruments especially in cross-border transactions. Her practice includes experience in corporate finance and capital management activities and in reinsurance transactions. She also advises on corporate governance and related corporate issues.

Career

- Since 2014 Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2012 Legal Counsel at Swiss Re, Zürich
- 2012 Secondment Legal Counsel at the European Investment Bank, Luxembourg
- 2007 Associate at Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners, Milan

Education

- 2018 Admitted to the Swiss Bar (Rechtsanwältin)
- 2014 Registered with the EU attorneys' registry of Zurich
- 2010 Admitted to the Italian Bar Association
- 2007 Bocconi University Law School (Master of Law)
- 2007 Freie Universität & ESADE (Joint Degree Certificate – LL.M. in "International and Business Law")

Experience

The following is an illustrative selection of matters in which Ms. Ghezzi acted as counsel prior to joining Niederer Kraft Frey:

- Assistance in providing funds to a leading Italian insurance company through a combined reinsurance and retrocession structure
- Assistance in a revolving credit facility agreement of GBP 550 million made available by a pool of banks and financial institutions to a company belonging to a leading Swiss reinsurance company
- Assistance in a large L&H portfolio coinsurance cover made available by a leading Swiss reinsurance company in relation to a large book of health insurance policies issued by the Japanese branch of a reputable insurance company based in the US
- Assistance in the issue of the first Italian Project Bond through a financing made available by an international financial institution in relation to one of the biggest Italian photovoltaic plant located in the Lazio Region, Italy with an overall power capacity of 52 MWp for a value of approx. EUR 250 million
- Assistance in the financing by an international financial institution of the MOSE, aimed at realising the engineering works for adjusting the tidal inlets in the Venice lagoon, Italy with a value of approx. EUR 800 million to be repaid with annual contributions made available by the Italian Government
- Assistance in the financing by an international financial institution of a leading Italian Automotive company for approx. EUR 466 million for investments and further developments aimed at reducing CO2 emissions in the automotive industry, guaranteed by a first demand corporate guarantee
- Assistance in the financing by an international financial institution of the Lombardia Region for approx. EUR 330 million for certain activities aimed at the development of the Lombardia Region, Italy
- Assistance in the financing by an international financial institution of the Italian National Electricity Transmission Network company through the Italian national development bank for approx. EUR 500 million for reinforcing the network for the transmission of electricity through the Italian territory
- Assistance in the financing by an international financial institution of a leading Italian Aeronautical company for approx. EUR 500 million to finance certain projects in the Italian aeronautic sector
- Assistance in the financing by an international financial institution of the Turkish Telecommunication company for approx. EUR 250 million for certain investments in the Turkish broadband network in the Republic of Turkey
- Assistance in the financing by an international financial institution for approx. EUR 60 million of the rehabilitation of 52 road sections equal to 675 km of Croatian national road network
- Assistance in the financing by an international financial institution for approx. EUR 63 million for reinforcing the Slovenian electricity transmission network improving the interconnection to Italy

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- Assistance in the financing by an international financial institution of a Swiss telecommunication company for approx. EUR 350 million for the rolling-out of a high speed broadband telecommunication network with a value of EUR 725 million throughout Italy by an Italian subsidiary owned at 82.1% by the Swiss telecommunication company, directly controlled by the Swiss Confederation
- Assistance to an Italian investment fund in the merger and refinancing for an amount of approx. EUR 56 million of a portfolio of photovoltaic plants located in the Apulia Region, Italy with an overall capacity of 9 MWp developed by three SPVs, merged for incorporation, owned by the investment fund
- Assistance to a pool of major Italian and foreign investment banks in the approx. EUR 120 million financing of a portfolio of four photovoltaic plants with an overall capacity of 29 MWp developed by a Spanish company located in the Apulia Region, Italy and subsequent refinancing of the transaction and related termination of the facilities documents and release of the relevant securities
- Assistance to a pool of major Italian and foreign investment banks in the approx. EUR 276 million financing of post construction and operation of the largest solar photovoltaic plants in Europe developed by a company globally leader in energy solutions and photovoltaic sector acquired by a US private equity investment fund with a power capacity of 70 MWp located in the Veneto Region, Italy; project awarded with “European Solar Deal of the Year” - “Project Finance Deals of the Year Awards 2010”
- Assistance to a pool of major Italian and foreign investment banks in relation to the financing on a no-recourse basis of a solar farm with a power capacity of 24 MW in the Lazio Region, Italy developed by a US leading company in the solar sector; project awarded with “European Solar Deal of the Year” within the “Project Finance Deals of the Year Awards 2009”
- Assistance to a pool of major Italian and foreign investment banks in the EUR 117 million facility for the refinancing of certain acquisitions made by a global investment and advisory firm based in Australia in relation to companies developing harbours on the Italian territory and for the subsequent financing of investments and on-going working capital of those companies
- Assistance to a pool of major Italian investment banks for the approx. EUR 85 million financing of the construction and operation of the Ferrara New Hospital, Italy
- Assistance to a pool of major Italian and foreign investment banks for the EUR 180 million financing for the requalification and operation of the Niguarda Hospital, Milan, Italy
- Assistance to a pool of major Italian investment banks for the EUR 110 million financing for the construction and operation related to the revamping of the technological fixtures installed inside certain tunnels of the roads network under the authority of the ANAS Department responsible for the road network in the Lombardia Region, Italy and management of such fixtures