

DIGITAL FINANCE TEAM

THE LEGAL EXPERTS ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, FINTECH, REGTECH AND INSURTECH IN BELGIUM.

Simont Braun's **Digital Finance Team** is the first of its kind on the Belgian market. The team gathers renowned **tech and financial law experts** and combines financial law with ICT and data protection regulations. It is **deeply integrated** into the Belgian Financial Services & FinTech ecosystem and very well-connected with regulators, the academic world, and service providers on the ground in both Belgium and abroad.

How can we help you?



Regulatory analysis



Licence application



Product screening



Contract drafting



eIDAS, AML & GDPR check



Corporate M&A



Dispute resolution

Who do we assist?

FinTech disruptors learning to navigate a highly-regulated market

Traditional financial institutions switching to the digital age

Local and Foreign actors (both disruptors and incumbants) looking to enter the Belgian digital finance market

Get in touch with us!



'Simont Braun, and especially the team of Catherine Houssa, are **the fintech specialists in Belgium**. They provide excellent legal advice and support for everything fintech related.' (IFLR 1000)

'Simont Braun is an **active player in the digital transformation of the financial services** sector in Belgium, with its team advising Belgian and overseas-based clients on a wide range of fintech projects' (The Legal 500)

Recent projects

- Handling the set up and launch of a major **challenger bank** in Belgium digitally offering the full scale of financial services.
- Advising **payment service & e-money providers** on regulatory matters, such as licence applications, implementation of new regulations, product marketing and AML/KYC client onboarding procedures.
- Setting up **crowdfunding** platforms as well as the first alternative consumer lending platform in Belgium.
- Assisting **InsurTech** start-ups with the roll-out of different disruptive services.
- Supporting foreign **digital banks** in launching new credit and payment products in Belgium.
- Assisting international leading (digital) **money remitters** and local **e-invoicing** platforms.
- Exploring the boundaries of cutting-edge business models in light of **IP/ICT** regulations and **cybersecurity**.
- Assisting **RegTech** players on their contractual relationship with financial institutions.
- Advising the world's largest **social network** on the regulatory status of the **currencies** used in their online games.
- Regularly assisting local, UK and US-based **robo-advisors**.

Did you know?

Simont Braun was the **first law firm** in Belgium to have a FinTech-dedicated team and is an active member of the **Belgian FinTech community**

We successfully assisted the FinTech unicorn **TransferWise** in obtaining a licence as a payment institution and moving to Belgium.

We assist the **European Commission** around cloud computing and outsourcing (FinTech Action Plan)

Possibility of **tailored or flexible fees** depending on your background, size, project...

Our network

Actors: The Digital Finance Team is perfectly integrated to – and recognised by – the Digital Finance & FinTech community.

Simont Braun is an active partner and the sole law firm which took part in the creation of **FinTech Belgium**, which is the first and biggest community of digital finance actors and drivers in Belgium.

Our team makes sure to have a strong presence at key European FinTech events such as the **Paris FinTech Forum** and **Money2020**.

Regulators & Universities: We have excellent relations with the **FSMA** and the **National Bank of Belgium**, regularly meeting them in the context of licensing procedures, the set-up of innovative initiatives and the launch of new financial products by our clients.

Our team closely collaborates with top-tier local Universities and Business schools in their FinTech and Digital programmes, like **Vlerick**, the FT#1 Business School in the Benelux Region notably in the framework of their various FinTech programmes, the **CRIDS**, the Centre of Research in Information, Law and Society of the University of Namur, and the **Institute for Financial Law** of the Ghent University.

International best friends: As an independent law firm, we can choose to work with the **most-suited and most-qualified law firms abroad** to meet our clients' expectations with precision and excellence. We are notably well connected with FinTech and financial services legal experts in Europe, the US, Japan and South Korea.