

Seminar on European Competition Law for National Judges

Seminar Series: Competition Law Fundamentals

Seminar I: Restrictive Agreements – Basic Economic and Legal Concepts

15-16 November 2013, Budapest, Hungary

Agenda

Venue: Art'otel Budapest, 'Tapestry' room

The seminar will focus on both horizontal and vertical agreements. There will be a discussion of the basic economic concepts that are relevant in restrictive agreement cases and other areas of competition law, such as market power and consumer welfare, legal analysis of when an agreement “restricts competition” and when it brings about relevant efficiencies, and relevant secondary legislation such as block exemptions and the European “de minimis” notice. The seminar will rely heavily on European cases and case hypotheticals to illustrate key concepts and to discuss how economic and legal questions can be resolved in actual cases before courts.

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Speakers

Joao Azevedo, European Commission
Sabine Zigelski, OECD Competition Division
Andreas Reindl, Leuphana University, Lüneburg
Zsófia Tari, Hungarian Competition Authority

Friday, 15 November

09.15 – 09.30	Introduction & case example: Key issues in competition cases, from categories to concepts <i>Andreas Reindl</i>
09.30 – 10.00	Economic concepts: market power, consumer welfare, efficiencies <i>Joao Azevedo</i>
10.00 – 10.45	Discussion of hypotheticals in breakout groups
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.00	The legal framework: Elements of Article 101 & the analytical framework in

	Article 101 cases
12.00 – 12.45	Discussion of a hypothetical case in breakout groups <i>Andreas Reindl</i>
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 14.15	The Economics Collusion: Cartels and the oligopoly problem <i>Joao Azevedo</i>
14.15-15.30	Cartels – a short overview <i>Andreas Reindl</i> Information exchange: The legal framework and case examples <i>Sabine Zigelski, Zsófia Tari</i>
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.15	Analyzing “other“ horizontal agreements, discussion of a hypothetical case <i>Andreas Reindl</i>
18:15	Meeting at the reception, transfer to the welcome dinner

Saturday, 16 November

09.00 – 09.45	Discussion of hypotheticals in breakout groups
09.45 – 10.30	The economics of vertical restraints – an introduction: theories of harm and efficiencies <i>Joao Azevedo</i>
10.30 – 11.00	The legal framework, including no agreement strategies and block exemptions <i>Andreas Reindl</i>
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.30	Intrabrand Restraints: Internet sales, RPM and MFN provisions <i>Sabine Zigelski, Zsófia Tari</i>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	Interbrand Restraints: legal framework and case examples <i>Andreas Reindl, Zsófia Tari</i>