

INTRODUCTION TO COMPETITION LAW

New Staff Seminar

 University of Málaga

 15-18 September 2026

Seminar objectives

This workshop will provide an introduction to competition law for new case handlers working in competition authorities. It will include practical tips on the everyday of case handlers and it will cover anti-cartel enforcement, merger control, abuse of dominance and advocacy. Practical exercises will illustrate hands-on issues and enable participants to meet and discuss common challenges.

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Rainer **Lindberg**, *Director of International Competition Affairs, Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority*

Francisco **Marcos**, *Professor of IE School of Law, Madrid*

Jutta **Wimmer**, *Rapporteur, Special Unit for Combating Cartels, Bundeskartellamt*

Agenda

Tuesday, 15 September 2026

09.30-10.15	Welcome remarks - María Pilar Canedo, <i>Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC</i> - Isabel González Ríos, <i>Dean of the Law School, University of Málaga</i> - Joaquín Pérez Muñoz, <i>Director, Andalusian Competition Authority</i> - Attila Sipos, <i>Secretary General of the Hungarian Competition Authority</i> Tour de table Group picture
10.15-10.45	An overview of Competition Policy and the role of competition agencies Maria Pilar Canedo , <i>Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC</i> Renato Ferrandi , <i>Director of International and EU Affairs, Italian Competition Authority</i>
10.45-11.00	Coffee break
Anti-Cartel Enforcement	
11.00-11.45	An introduction to anti-competitive agreements. Types and main legal aspects to consider Botond Horváth , <i>Head of the Cartel Section, Hungarian Competition Authority</i>
11.45-12.30	Bid rigging examples Alfonso Lopez Escobar , <i>Head of Investigation, Andalusian Competition Authority</i> Maria Pilar Canedo , <i>Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC</i>
12.30-13.00	Leniency and whistleblowing and alternatives for infringement detection Botond Horváth , <i>Head of the Cartel Section, Hungarian Competition Authority</i>
13.00-14.15	Lunch break
14.15-14.45	Trade associations and information exchange – experiences from Finland Lindberg Rainer , <i>Director of International Competition Affairs, Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority</i>
14.45-15.45	Successful dawn raid: Tricks and tips Jutta Wimmer , <i>Rapporteur, Special Unit for Combating Cartels, Bundeskartellamt</i>
15.45-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17.00	Hypothetical case on anti-competitive agreements and relation with damages Francisco Marcos , <i>Professor of IE School of Law, Madrid</i>
20.00-21.00	Dinner at the hotel

Wednesday, 16 September 2026

09.30-10.00	Procedural aspects connected with dawn raids Jutta Wimmer , <i>Rapporteur, Special Unit for Combating Cartels, Bundeskartellamt</i>
10.00-10.45	Procedural aspects and procedural fines related to cartel enforcement Botond Horváth , <i>Head of the Cartel Section, Hungarian Competition Authority</i>
10.45-11.00	Coffee break
Merger Control	
11.00-11.45	Concept and relevance of mergers control Griet Jans , <i>Chief Economist, Belgian Competition Authority</i>
11.45-12.30	Market definition for mergers and abuse of dominance Renato Ferrandi , <i>Director of International and EU Affairs, Italian Competition Authority</i>
12.30-13.15	Theories of harm, remedies and commitments Griet Jans , <i>Chief Economist, Belgian Competition Authority</i>

13.15-14.15	Lunch break
14.15-15.00	Examples of mergers cases Griet Jans , <i>Chief Economist, Belgian Competition Authority</i> Renato Ferrandi , <i>Director of International and EU Affairs, Italian Competition Authority</i>
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-17.00	Hypothetical case on merger control – Breakout session
20.00-21.00	Dinner at the hotel

Thursday, 17 September 2026	
Abuse of dominance	
09.30-10.15	The notion and assessment of abuse of dominance Johan Hedelin , <i>Competition Counsel, Swedish Competition Authority</i>
10.15-10.45	Spanish abuse of dominance cases Maria Pilar Canedo , <i>Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC</i>
10.45-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-12.00	Some Italian and Belgian cases Griet Jans , <i>Chief Economist, Belgian Competition Authority</i> Renato Ferrandi , <i>Director of International and EU Affairs, Italian Competition Authority</i>
12.00-13.00	Practical tips related to abuse of dominance cases Johan Hedelin , <i>Competition Counsel, Swedish Competition Authority</i>
13.00-14.30	Lunch break
14.30-16.30	Hypothetical case on abuse of dominance – Breakout session
17.30-20.30	Social programme

Friday, 18 September 2026	
Advocacy of competition	
09.30-10.30	An introduction to the main elements of advocacy and its main tools Maria Pilar Canedo , <i>Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC</i> Alejandro Gonzalez , <i>Adjunct Subdirector of Studies in the Advocacy Department, CNMC</i>
10.30-11.30	Examples of market study in Spain Alejandro Gonzalez , <i>Adjunct Subdirector of Studies in the Advocacy Department, CNMC</i>
11.30-11.45	Coffee break
11.45-12.30	Leniency and calculation of sanctions in competition enforcement Renato Ferrandi , <i>Director of International and EU Affairs, Italian Competition Authority</i> Maria Pilar Canedo , <i>Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC</i>
12.30-13.15	Final comments and Kahoot game Renato Ferrandi , Alejandro Gonzalez , Johan Hedelin , Maria Pilar Canedo
Closing Remarks Patricia Benavides , <i>TWIN-COMP University of Malaga</i>	
Certificates awarding Ceremony	
13.30-15.00	Lunch
20.00-21.00	Dinner at the hotel