

Seminar on European Competition Law

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Seminar objectives

The seminar elaborates on key substantive and procedural developments in cartel enforcement. It introduces to participants a general substantive framework for collusive behaviour between competitors by tackling key economic and legal concepts that underpin cartel enforcement. Furthermore, it elaborates on specific forms of cartels, in particular price-fixing, purchasing, bid-rigging and wage-fixing cartels, through a number of case studies from the practice of national competition authorities. Special emphasis is given to the assessment of evidence in the context of judicial review.

The speakers



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Heinz Ludwig Mayer
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Agenda

Thursday, 12 December 2024

09.30-10.00	Welcome remarks, Group photo Csaba Balázs Rigó, President of the Hungarian Competition Authority
10.00-10.15	Questionnaire exercise – What do you know?
10.15-11.15	The economics and impact of cartels Cedric Argenton, Economist, Tilburg University
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.30	Anticompetitive agreements, decisions by associations and concerted practices Lefkothea Nteka, Partner, Lambadarios Law Firm
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	Price fixing cartels – Analytical framework and case examples Paulo Burnier, Senior Competition Expert, OECD Competition Division
15.00-15.15	Coffee Break
15.15-16.15	Collusive tendering cartels – Analytical framework and case examples María Pilar Canedo, Senior Competition Expert, OECD Competition Division
16.15-17.30	Hypothetical case exercise on price fixing and bid rigging
19.00-22.00	Welcome dinner

Friday, 13 December 2024

09.30-10.45	Buyers cartels and labour market cartels – Analytical framework and case examples Cristina Camacho, Head of Cabinet of the President, Portuguese Competition Authority
10.45-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.00	Consequences of the infringements. How to calculate sanctions and other restrictive measures Vivien Terrien, Vice-President, Autorité de la concurrence
12.00-13.00	Hypothetical case exercise on buyer's cartels
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.15	Evidentiary issues in cartel cases Heinz Ludwig Mayer, Federal Cartel Prosecutor of Austria
15.15-15.30	Coffee Break
15.30-16.45	Hypothetical case exercise on evidence and sanctions
16.45-17.15	Kahoot game!
17.15-17.30	Questionnaire exercise – What do you know now?