

INTRODUCTION TO COMPETITION ENFORCEMENT

New Staff Seminar

University of Deusto, Bilbao

📍 Building of the Library (CRAI)

Sala Ellacuría (Underground)

📅 5-8 February 2024

Seminar objectives

This workshop will provide an introduction to competition enforcement 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 and abuse of dominance. Practical exercises will illustrate hands-on issues and enable participants to meet and discuss common challenges.

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Agenda

Monday, 5 February 2024

	Welcome remarks
09.30-10.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gema Tomás, Dean of the Law School• Ainara Herce, President of the Basque Competition Authority• Attila Sipos, Secretary General of the Hungarian Competition Authority• María Pilar Canedo, Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC Tour de table Group picture
10.15-11.00	An overview of competition policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Luis Palma Martos• Discussants: Mattia Melloni, Renato Ferrandi, María Pilar Canedo
11.00-11.15	Coffee break
Anti-Cartel Enforcement	
11.30-13.00	Legal grounds; Scope and nature of the prohibition; Concept of cartel and concept of agreement; types of cartels; investigations and institutions; looking for evidence; procedural aspects. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Luis Palma Martos• Mattia Melloni Discussants: María Pilar Canedo- Renato Ferrandi
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-15.00	Practical Tips related to cases <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Luis Palma Martos• Mattia Melloni• Renato Ferrandi
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-17.00	Hypothetical case on Anti-competitive agreements Breakout session Sala 1; Sala 2; Sala 4 and Sala VIP
19.00-20.30	Dinner at the hotel

Tuesday, 6 February 2024

Merger Control	
09.30-10.30	Concept and relevance of mergers control, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Micaela Arias Domecq
10.30-11.15	Economic approach to mergers. Market definition, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Griet Jans
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.15	Procedural aspects, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Micaela Arias Domecq
12.15-13.00	Competitive assessment, remedies and commitments, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Griet Jans
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-15.00	Practical Tips <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Micaela Arias Domecq• Griet Jans
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-17.00	Hypothetical case on mergers control Breakout session Sala 1; Sala 2; Sala 4 and Sala VIP
19.00-20.30	Dinner at the hotel

Wednesday, 7 February 2024

Abuse of dominance

09.30-11.15	The Notion and assessment of abuse of dominance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renato Ferrandi• Griet Jans
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.15	Getting down to earth with real stories, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renato Ferrandi
12.15-13.15	Lunch break
13.15-14.15	Practical tips related to cases <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renato Ferrandi• María Pilar Canedo• Mattia Melloni
14.15-14.30	Coffee break
14.30-16.30	Hypothetical case on Abuse of dominance Breakout session Sala 1; Sala 2; Sala 4 and Sala VIP
17.30-20.30	Visit to the Guggenheim Museum Cocktail offered by the Basque Competition Authority

Thursday, 8 February 2024

Advocacy of competition

09.30-10.30	A broad overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• María Pilar Canedo• Renato Ferrandi,
10.30-10.45	Coffee break
Procedural issues in competition cases	
10.45-11.45	Some practical issues dealing with procedure <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mattia Melloni
11.45-12.30	Closing remarks and kahoot game
Keynote Conference	
12.30-14.00	A new approach to digital platforms at the EU. Last developments of the DMA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cani Fernandez, President of the Spanish National Commission on Markets and Competition
Certificates awarding Ceremony	
14.00-15.00	Lunch
19.00-20.30	Dinner at the hotel