

Annual Conference

Economic developments in European competition policy

Wednesday 8 December 2010

Conrad Hotel, Brussels

Confirmed speakers

Alexander Italianer, Director General, DG Competition
Prof Carl Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, DOJ
Prof Joseph Farrell, Director of Bureau of Economics, FTC
Prof Damien Neven, Chief Economist, DG Competition
Amelia Fletcher, Chief Economist / Head of Mergers, OFT
Prof Steven Salop, Georgetown University
Prof Kai-Uwe Kühn, University of Michigan
John Fingleton, CEO, UK OFT
Alison Oldale, Chief Economist, UK Competition Commission
Prof John Van Reenen, Centre for Economic Performance, LSE
Andreas Mundt, President, Bundeskartellamt
Thibaud Vergé, Chief Economist, Autorité de la concurrence
Prof Maarten-Pieter Schinkel, University of Amsterdam
Christian Ewald, Chief Economist, Bundeskartellamt
Matthew Bennett, Director of Economics, OFT
Miguel de la Mano, Deputy Chief Economist, DG Competition
Prof Patrick Rey, IDEI, Toulouse
Prof Luís Cabral, IESE and NYU

Topics

The Interplay of Law and Economics
Evolution of the US Horizontal Merger Guidelines
Market Definition and SIEC in the EU, in light of the new US and UK Guidelines
Are Technology Industries the New Antitrust Targets?
Moving with the Times – Competition, Consumer Policies and Economic Growth
Competition Issues in Vertical Relations: Nothing new under the sun?
Hubs and Spokes and RPM: Making Sense of Retailer/Supplier Communications
Exclusionary Pricing: Unpacking the Theories of Harm

This conference is for senior competition lawyers, corporate executives and government regulators.

There is no registration fee for this conference.

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AGENDA

8.30-8.50 Registration and Coffee

8.50-9.00 Introduction & Welcome

9.00-9.30 **The Interplay of Law and Economics**

Alexander Italianer, Director General,
DG Competition

9.30-10.20 **Evolution of the US Horizontal Merger Guidelines**

Carl Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Attorney
General, DOJ

Joseph Farrell, Director of Bureau of
Economics, FTC

10.20-10.45 **Market Definition and SIEC in the EU, in light of the new US and UK Guidelines**

Damien Neven, Chief Economist,
DG Competition

10.45-11.00 **Comments: the UK Experience**

Amelia Fletcher, Chief Economist /
Head of Mergers, OFT

Chair: Cristina Caffarra, CRA

11.00-11.20 Tea & Coffee Break

11.20-12.20 **Are Technology Industries the New Antitrust Targets?**

Steven Salop, Georgetown University

Kai-Uwe Kühn, University of Michigan

Chair: Robert Stillman, CRA

12.20-13.15 **Moving with the Times – Competition, Consumer Policies and Economic Growth**

John Fingleton, CEO, UK OFT

Comments:

Alison Oldale, Chief Economist,
UK Competition Commission

John Van Reenen, Centre for Economic
Performance, LSE

13.15-14.15 Lunch

14.15-14.45 **Competition Issues in Vertical Relations: Nothing new under the sun?**

Andreas Mundt, President, Bundeskartellamt

14.45-16.00 **Hubs and Spokes and RPM: Making Sense of Retailer/Supplier Communications**

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Matthew Bennett, Director of Economics,
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Chair: Alan Overd, CRA

16.00-17.00 **Exclusionary Pricing: Unpacking the Theories of Harm**

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Chair: Giulio Federico, CRA

17.00 Close of Conference - Tea & Coffee