

Objective

This seminar aims to provide judges from EU Member States with an advanced training course on the application of Articles 101 and 102 TFEU at national level and serve as a forum for the exchange of views and best practices.

Key topics

- The dynamic relationship between the European Commission, national competition authorities and national courts
- Challenges arising from cases of anti-competitive horizontal and vertical agreements and abuse of dominant position
- Antitrust challenges from an ECHR perspective
- Issues arising from the Actions for Damages Package, such as disclosure of evidence and passing-on defence
- Quantification of harm

Who should attend?

National judges from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece and Romania dealing with the application of antitrust law

Speakers

Marc Fierstra, Justice, Supreme Court of the Netherlands, the Hague

Robin Noble, Associate Director, Oxera, Oxford

Ioannis Symplis, Judge, Greek Council of State, Athens; Member of the Executive Committee of the Association of European Competition Law Judges (AECLJ)

Dr Diana Ungureanu, Judge, Court of Appeal, Pitesti; Full-time trainer at National Institute of Magistracy of Romania (NIM), Bucharest



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FORUM FOR JUDGES

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Thursday, 8 May 2014

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants

09:15 **Welcome and introduction**
Eirini Volikou, ERA

I. THE EU ANTITRUST SYSTEM

09:30 **The interrelation between the Commission, NCAs and national courts**
Marc Fierstra

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

II. TACKLING ANTITRUST CHALLENGES

11:00 **Legal challenges arising from horizontal and vertical agreements and concerted practices**
Case study
Diana Ungureanu

12:15 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

14:00 **Legal challenges arising from abuse of dominance cases**

Case study
Ioannis Symplis

15:15 Discussion

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 **Impact of the ECHR on antitrust proceedings**
Ioannis Symplis

17:15 Discussion

17:45 End of the first day

19:30 Conference dinner

Friday, 9 May 2014

III. ANTITRUST DAMAGES ACTIONS BEFORE NATIONAL COURTS

09:00 **The impact on national proceedings of the proposed Actions for Damages Directive and the Recommendation on Collective Redress**

- Follow-on and stand-alone cases
- Disclosure of evidence and leniency or settlement material
- Passing-on defence
- Rights of defence
- Joint and several liability for the damage
- The role of the judge in collective actions

Diana Ungureanu

10:15 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Methods of harm quantification and the assistance provided by the practical guide**
Robin Noble

12:00 Discussion

12:30 End of the conference

Lunch

Programme may be subject to amendment.
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