

WORKSHOP

Hotel Le Châtelain, Brussels

CONFERENCE

Club of the University Foundation, Brussels

WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE 2012

- 9:30 – 10:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee
10:00 – 13:00 Introduction, Presentations, Discussion, In-Depth Work on Topics
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
14:00 – 17:00 Continuing In-Depth Work and Discussion

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

The New Economic Approach in State Aid Cases – The Role for Economic Analysis

- Definition of the market and its boundaries
- Market demarcation concerning regional aid: How does the economic approach in State aid cases vary from antitrust and merger control cases?
- Pending cases
- and further actual issues

The Notion of State Aid

- The general as well as specific conditions under which an aid needs to be notified
- No State aid – no notification?
- and further issues

For both topics, experts with different backgrounds will share their experiences thus allowing deep insights and lively discussions.

WORKSHOP FACULTY

Chair: Michael SCHÜTTE
Schuette Law Sprl, Brussels & Geneva

Panelists:

- Michael HONORÉ
Bech-Bruun Law Firm, Copenhagen
- James LANGENFELD
*Navigant Economics, Evanston IL
Lecturer, Loyola University Chicago*
- Koen VAN DE CASTEELE
*Deputy Head of Unit “State Aid Case Support”,
DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels*
- Péter STAVICZKY
*Attaché for State Aid, Hungarian Permanent Representation,
Brussels*

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE 2012

- 9:30 – 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Address of Welcome & Introduction**
by the organisers
- 10:15 – 11:15 **Keynote Address (incl. Q&A)**
Speaker: Joaquín ALMUNIA
*Vice-President of the European Commission
European Commissioner for Competition*
- 11:15 – 11:45 Coffee Break
- 11:45 – 12:30 **An Overview on the EU Jurisprudence in State Aid Matters (incl. Q&A)**
Speaker: Marc VAN DER WOUDE
*Judge, General Court of the European Union,
Luxembourg*
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Opinion Panel: A Business Perspective on EU State Aid Control**
Speaker: Michael O’LEARY
*Chief Executive Officer, Ryanair, Dublin
Commentator:* Gert-Jan KOOPMAN
*Deputy Director General State Aid,
DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels*
- 13:30 – 14:45 Lunch
- 14:45 – 16:30 **Session I: State Aid Modernisation Initiative**
Chair: Arjen MEIJ
Former Judge, General Court of the European Union, The Hague
Panelists:
 - Gert-Jan KOOPMAN
 - Josef AZIZI
*Judge, General Court of the European Union,
Luxembourg*
 - José Luis BUENDÍA SIERRA
Partner, EU Law Office Garrigues, Brussels
 - Anne-Laure DE COINCY
*Deputy Secretary General for European Affairs,
Prime minister services, Paris*

- 16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break
- 17:00 – 18:45 **Session II: The Notion of Aid in Fiscal Cases**
Chair: Andreas BARTOSCH
Panelists:
 - Pierpaolo ROSSI-MACCANICO
Legal Service, European Commission, Brussels
 - Joachim ENGLISCH
Professor of Law, University of Münster
 - Thomas JAEGER
*Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property and
Competition Law, Munich*
 - Jacques DERENNE
*Partner, Hogan Lovells International LLP, Brussels
Associate Professor, Liège University & Brussels
School of Competition*
- 19:00 – 20:00 Jubilee Reception

FRIDAY, 8 JUNE 2012

- 9:00 – 10:30 **Session III: The Overhaul of the Regional Aid Guidelines and the Implementation of Economic Analysis**
Chair: Rose D’SA
*Member of the European Economic and
Social Committee, Brussels*
Panelists:
 - Kai-Uwe KÜHN
*Chief Economist, DG Competition,
European Commission, Brussels*
 - Hans FRIEDERISZICK
Managing Director, E.CA Economics, Berlin
 - Fiona WISHLADE
*European Policy Research Centre,
University of Strathclyde, Glasgow*
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

- 11:00 – 12:30 **Session IV: Round Table of the National Judiciaries**
Chair: Kevin O’HIGGINS
*Judge, General Court of the European Union,
Luxembourg*
Panelists:
 - Nial FENNELLY
*Justice, Irish Supreme Court, Dublin
former Advocate General of the European
Court of Justice*
 - Martin KÖHLER
Judge, Austrian Administrative Court, Vienna
 - Diane WOOD
Judge, 7th Circuit Appeals Court, Chicago
- 12:30 – 13:15 Light Lunch
- 13:15 – 14:45 **Session V: Financial Services under the Scrutiny of EU State Aid Rules in the Context of the Sovereign Debt Crisis**
Chair: Christian KOENIG
*Professor of Law, Center for European Integration
Studies, University of Bonn*
Panelists:
 - Irmfried SCHWIMANN
*Director “Markets and Cases III: Financial
Services”, DG Competition, European
Commission, Brussels*
 - Finbarr MURPHY
*Former Group Legal Adviser, Bank of Ireland,
Dublin*
 - Christoph ARHOLD
White & Case, Berlin & Brussels
 - Onno BROUWER
*Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP,
Amsterdam & Brussels*
- 14:45 – 15:00 **Concluding Remarks**

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

The workshop carries six hours SRA CPD credit, the conference carries eleven hours SRA CPD credit. You will receive a confirmation of participation by the organiser.