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Seminar on European Competition Law for National Judges

Competition Economics for Judges

19-21 February 2015

Budapest, Hungary

The seminar will provide judges with an opportunity to explore in greater depth the economic principles underlying competition cases, the methods used by economists, and their application in cases before national courts. The seminar will focus in particular on the economics of vertical arrangements, including distribution restraints (such as restrictions on internet sales), and claims for damages. The goal of the seminar is to make judges more familiar with economic concepts and economics-based arguments, and to help them communicate more effectively with economic court experts and economic expert witnesses.

Speakers

Peter J. Freeman, Competition Appeal Tribunal (UK)

Penelope Papandropoulos, European Commission, DG COMP

Andreas Reindl, Leuphana University, Lüneburg

Vincent Verouden, E.CA Economics, Belgium

Raphael De Coninck, Charles River Associates, Belgium

Sabine Zigelski, OECD

Csaba Kovács, Hungarian Competition Authority

Venue

The seminar is held in the **Danubius Health Spa Resort Margitsziget** (Hungary, 1138 Budapest, Margitsziget/Margaret Island). The plenary sessions are held in the **Jázmin meeting room**.

Agenda

Thursday, 19 February

13.45 - 14.00	Registration
	Introduction to the seminar, <i>Andreas Reindl</i>
14.00 -14.45	Introduction to key economic concepts: market power, welfare, efficiencies: <i>Penelope Papandropoulos, Andreas Reindl</i>
14.45 - 15.15	Economic Evidence before Courts: <i>Colt v. OFCOM: Peter J. Freeman</i>
15.15 -15.45	Coffee break
	Market definition: Concepts, Problems, and Case Studies: <i>Sabine Zigeliski</i>
15.45 -16.45	The use of economic analysis for market definition in a Hungarian newspaper merger case: <i>Csaba Kovács</i>
16.45 - 18.00	Market definition: hypothetical: <i>Sabine Zigeliski</i>
18.40	Meeting at the reception, transfer to the welcome dinner

Friday, 20 February

09.00 - 09.45	The Economics of Vertical Agreements: <i>Vincent Verouden</i>
09.45 - 10.30	Vertical Agreement: Case Study: <i>Vincent Verouden</i>
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.00	The Economics of Exclusion: Vertical Relationships that Exclude Rivals: <i>Penelope Papandropoulos</i>
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch at the Restaurant of the Grand Hotel
13.00 -14.00	Panel Discussion: Economic Evidence and Testimony in Court Cases
14.00 - 15.00	Vertical Agreements: Case Study: <i>Penelope Papandropoulos</i>

15.00 - 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 - 16.15	The Economics of Collusion: the Competitive Effects of Vertical Distribution Agreements: <i>Vincent Verouden</i>
16.15 -17:00	Vertical Agreements: Hypotheticals, <i>Vincent Verouden</i>

Saturday, 21 February

09.00 – 10.00	Actions for Damages: <i>Raphael de Conninck</i>
10.00 - 10.30	Damages Claims before Courts: Cardiff Bus: <i>Peter J. Freeman</i>
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 11.45	Damages: Practical Questions Concerning Economic Evidence: <i>Raphael de Conninck</i>
11.45 – 12:30	Claims for Damages: Hypothetical
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch at the Restaurant of the Grand Hotel
