



EUROPEAN COMPETITION  
LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

24 - 25 MAY 2019 - PRAGUE

THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2019

● 19:30-21:30 WELCOME COCKTAIL DINNER

FRIDAY, 24 MAY 2019

● 09:00-09:15 WELCOME ADDRESS

● 09:15-10:45 PANEL

**VERTICALS: THE PATH TOWARDS 2022**

Until 2022 the EU will be updating its Verticals Block Exemption Regulation. This will trigger interesting discussions about the future of online sales & platforms, selective distribution and online pricing and sales restrictions, including (i) direct and indirect resale price maintenance practices (including the use of price monitoring software), (ii) price and other parity clauses restrictions on cross-border sales (e.g. dual pricing or geoblocking), (iii) dual distribution.

*Moderator: Ruben Elkerbout, Stek, Netherlands*

*Panelists: Johanna Kübler, Commeo, Germany | Radovan Kubáč, Nedelka Kubáč advokáti, Czech Republic | Szilvia Szekely, European Commission, Belgium | Theon van Dijk, E.CA Economics, Netherlands*

● 10:45-11:15 COFFEE BREAK

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● 11:15-12:00 KEY NOTE SPEECH

## DIGITAL COMPETITION AND PRO-COMPETITIVE REGULATION

*Prof. Philip Marsden, UK*

*Discussion moderator: Prof. Peter Georg Picht, Schellenberg Wittmer and University of Zurich, Switzerland*

● 12:00-13:30 LUNCH

● 13:30-15:00 PANEL

## MERGER CONTROL: WHAT'S HOT

This panel will discuss key trends such as the various reforms of/potential changes to jurisdictional thresholds, the increased focus on procedural infringements, the role of ECN+ and cross-border cooperation, the apparent shift toward behavioural commitments while not forgetting potential concerns arising from market power in innovation and data-driven markets.

*Moderator: Cormac Little, William Fry, Ireland*

*Panelists: Asko Lindqvist, Borenus Attorneys, Finland | Barbara Veronese, CEG Europe, Italy | Diarmuid Ryan, Squire Patton Boggs, UK and Belgium | Silke Möller, Glade Michel Wirtz, Germany | Volker Weiss, Schönherr, Belgium*

● 15:00-15:30 COFFEE BREAK

● 15:30-17:00 PANEL

## POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF MERGER CONTROL PROCEDURES

The political aspects of high profile mergers with political components, such as Siemens Alstom are getting more important. This is also relevant for a new industrial policy in a world of the powerplay US vs EU vs China. The panel will discuss what political implications practitioners have to consider and how they can they play against or in favour of a case.

*Moderator: Sarah Biontino, Biontino Europe, Belgium*

*Panelists: Joséphine Fourquet, Paul Hastings, France | Jürgen Schindler, Allen & Overy, Belgium | Nathalie McNeilis, MLex, Belgium | Sara Ashall, Solicitor, Belgium*

● 19:30 DINNER

# SATURDAY, 25 MAY 2019

● 09:45-11:15 PANEL

## ABUSE OF DOMINANCE

This panel will discuss current issues on the dominance scene, including the trendy GAFAs cases, potential modifications of dominance rules, recent excessive pricing cases and the situation of sports rights, based on the position of both EU and national authorities and the courts.

*Moderator: Evelyn Niitväli, RCAA, Germany*

*Panelists: Albert Pereda, Lonza Ltd, Switzerland | Davina Garrod, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, UK | Eva Cruellas, Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners, Italy | Jérémie Jourdan, White & Case, Belgium | Miguel de la Mano, Compass Lexecon, Belgium*

● 11:15-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

● 11:30-13:00 PANEL

## ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE

Antitrust compliance programs are being implemented in many companies; what is the value of such programs for competition authorities / national courts in their fine setting practice or when awarding damages? New technologies can be a valuable tool for companies in order to prove that they have effective compliance programs in place - how can new technologies assist companies?

*Moderator: Elena Garcia*

*Panelists: Marie Leppard, Euclid Law, UK | Nikiforos Iatrou, McCarthy Tétrault, Canada | Sebastian Brack*

● 13:00-13:15 CLOSING

*Aurélien Condomines | David Mamane | Grégoire Ryelandt*

● 13:15-14:15 LUNCH

● 15:30-17:30 AFTERNOON PROGRAM (OPTIONAL)

## VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The conference takes place at the **Alcron Hotel**, Stepanska 40, 110 00 Prague (Tel. +420 222 820 057) [www.alcronhotel.com](http://www.alcronhotel.com).

We have negotiated preferential rates with the hotel (215 EUR / night), which you can access once you are registered.

## FEES AND REGISTRATION

The participation fee is EUR 390 and includes the entire academic program, as well as the welcome drinks on Thursday, lunches on Friday/Saturday, and the dinner on Friday evening. Tickets for the welcome drinks and Friday evening dinner for accompanying persons are available for EUR 120.

You can register for the conference at [www.competitionlawyers.org/events/](http://www.competitionlawyers.org/events/)  
Cancellations are possible until 1st April 2019 without any cancellation fees.



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