

E.CA Competition Law and Economics Expert Forum Berlin, 19 May 2025

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The annual E.CA Expert Forum offers insights into recent developments in competition law and economics from a German and European perspective. The sessions are aimed at practitioners, enforcers, and academics in law and economics. This year's Expert Forum will focus in particular, but not exclusively, on the intersections between competition policy, the green transition and competitiveness.

Programme

- 08.00 – 09.00** **Registration and Coffee**
- 09.00 – 09.10** **Welcoming Remarks**
Jörg ROCHOLL, President of ESMT Berlin
- 09.10 – 10.00** **Keynote: Recent Developments in German Competition Law & Economics**
Speaker: Andreas MUNDT, President of the Bundeskartellamt
- Q&A Session**

10.00 – 11.15 Panel 1: Competition Policy, Green Transition and Competitiveness - Squaring the Circle

Panellists:

Tomaso DUSO, Chairman at the German Monopolies Commission
Veronika GRIMM, Member at the German Council of Economic Experts
Andreas MUNDT, President of the Bundeskartellamt
Lars-Hendrik RÖLLER, Professor of Economics at the ESMT Berlin

Chair: Hans W. FRIEDERISZICK, Director at E.CA Economics

Q&A Session

11.15 – 11.45 Coffee Break

11.45 – 13.00 Parallel Session I

Private Damages in Cartel Cases – Economics in the Courtroom

Panellists:

Kai BRAUNEISEN, Judicial Clerk at the German Federal Constitutional Court
Rachel GRINBERG, Partner at Bates White
Derek RIDYARD, Member of the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal
Florian SMUDA, Professor of Statistics and Empirical Economic and Social Research at Koblenz University of Applied Sciences

Chair: Anselm MATTES, Director at E.CA Economics

Q&A Session

Market Power in Generative AI

Presenter: TBD

Comments: Thorsten KÄSEBERG, Head of Competition Policy at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action

Chair: Ela GLOWICKA, Director at E.CA Economics

Mobile Mergers - Considering Dynamic Efficiencies?

Presenter: Luisa AFFUSO, Chief Economist and Economics Group Director at Ofcom

Comments: Frank VERBOVEN, Professor of Economics at KU Leuven

Chair: Linda GRATZ, Director at E.CA Economics

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.45 Keynote: tba

Speaker: Teresa RIBERA, Executive Vice-President (EVP) at the European Commission

Fireside chat with Hans W. FRIEDERISZICK, Director at E.CA Economics

14.45 – 16.00 Parallel Sessions II

Understanding Market Power and Competitiveness

Presenter: Elena ARGENTESI, Associate Professor at the University of Bologna / Vincent VEROUDEN, Senior Expert at the European Commission

Comments: Damien NEVEN, Professor of Economics at the Geneva Graduate Institute

Chair: Alexis WALCKIERS, Director at E.CA Economics

Sustainability and Mergers

Presenter: Roman INDERST, Professor of Finance and Economics at Goethe University Frankfurt

Comments: Rupprecht PODSZUN, Member at the German Monopolies Commission

Chair: Alena KOZAKOVA, Director at E.CA Economics

Ecosystem Competition

Presenter: Paul HEIDHUES, Professor of Behavioural and Competition Economics at HHU Düsseldorf

Comments: Eliana GARCES, Senior Fellow at George Washington University

Chair: Thomas HILDEBRAND, Director at E.CA Economics

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00 Keynote: Economic Analysis in Competition Cases

Speaker: Emanuele TARANTINO, Chief Economist of DG Competition, European Commission (online)

Panellists:

Eric EMCH, Partner at Bates White

Chiara FUMAGALLI, Professor of Economics at Bocconi University

Sandro GLEAVE, Chief Economist at the Bundeskartellamt

Hans ZENGER, Head of Unit, Chief Economist Team, European Commission

Chair: Rainer NITSCHKE, Director at E.CA Economics

Q&A Session

18.00 – 20.00 Closing Remarks and Champagne Reception