

4th E.CA Competition Law and Economics Expert Forum

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This conference offers insights into recent developments in competition law and economics, from both a German and a European perspective. The sessions will address practitioners, enforcers and academics from the legal and economic fields. This year, the Expert Forum focuses on the ex-post evaluation of competition enforcement, private litigation, the interaction between competition policy and innovation, and Internet economics.

08.30 – 09.00 Registration and Coffee

09.00 – 09.10 Welcoming Remarks

Jörg ROCHOLL, *President and EY Chair in Governance and Compliance, ESMT European School of Management and Technology*

09.10 – 09.45 Recent Developments in German Competition Law & Economics

Speaker: Andreas MUNDT, *President, Bundeskartellamt*

Q&A session

09.45 – 11.15 Session 1: Ex-Post Evaluations of Competition Cases

There are an increasing number of ex-post evaluations of competition cases, both in the US and Europe. In this session examples from the Dutch retail grocery sector and the German packaging waste market will be discussed. Results from a recent EU study will be presented.

Chair: Vincent VEROUDEN, *Director, E.CA Economics*

Speakers:

Tomaso DUSO, *Professor, Head of Department Firm and Markets, DIW Berlin*

Peter ORMOSI, *Senior Lecturer, University of East Anglia, Norwich Business School and ESRC Centre for Competition Policy*

Arno RASEK, *Chief Economist, Bundeskartellamt*

Q&A session

11.15 – 11.45 Coffee break

- 11.45 – 13.15 Session 2: Cartels and Private Litigation**
Private litigation is soaring across Europe. In the first part of the session we will discuss methods to empirically determine a cartel's start and end date and draw lessons from registered, *legal* cartels in Austria. In the second part, we will explore strategic aspects of private litigation.
Moderator: Hans W. FRIEDERISZICK, *Managing Director, E.CA Economics and Research Fellow, ESMT*
Speakers:
Maarten Pieter SCHINKEL, *Professor, University of Amsterdam*
Philipp SCHMIDT-DENGLER, *Professor, University of Vienna*
Moderated Debate – Strategies in Private Litigation
Thorsten MÄGER, *Partner, Hengeler Mueller*
Christopher ROTHER, *Partner, Hausfeld Rechtsanwälte*
Q&A session
- 13.15 – 14.15 Lunch**
- 14.15 – 15.00 Economic Analysis in Recent European Competition Cases**
Speaker: Massimo MOTTA, *Chief Economist, DG Competition and ICREA Research Professor, Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Barcelona Graduate School of Economics*
Q&A session
- 15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break**
- 15.30 – 16.45 Session 3: Dynamic Competition & Innovation**
How do mergers affect the incentives to innovate? Are there differences in a merger's impact on firms in highly concentrated vs. non-concentrated industries?
Chair: Michał GRAJEK, *Associate Professor of Economics and Director of Research, ESMT European School of Management and Technology*
Speakers:
Benno BUEHLER, *Economist, Chief Economist Team, DG Competition*
Joel STIEBALE, *Professor, Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE)*
Q&A session
- 16.45 – 18.00 Session 4: The Internet – Challenges for Competition Policy**
Two-sided platforms are a common feature of firms acting in online markets – what are the implications for merger control? The Internet also allows for new pricing strategies. The EU Commission's e-commerce sector inquiry may shed some light on those strategies.
Chair: Rainer NITSCHKE, *Managing Director, E.CA Economics and Research Fellow, ESMT*
Speakers:
Markus REISINGER, *Professor, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management*
Szilvia SZEKELY, *Case Handler, Digital Single Market Task Force, DG Competition*
Q&A session
- 18.00 – 20.00 Closing Remarks and Champagne Reception**