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16th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GCLC

Ex post assessment of European competition enforcement:
Did agency intervention restore competition in the market?

29 January – 5 February – 12 February 2021

Virtual Conference

Ex post analysis of competition law decisions is becoming a topic of central importance. Competition policy's commitment to efficiency in decision-making, together with legitimate demands for accountability, has nurtured increased interest from agencies to learn from the past through retrospective case studies. Unfortunately, competition agencies often find it hard, in practice, to evaluate the benefits and costs of previous interventions in markets.

From a policy standpoint, retrospectives raise several hard questions: have past competition policy interventions or non-interventions delivered? Have competition remedies restored or safeguarded market competition? If decisional errors have been made, what can we learn from them? And more fundamentally, what are the costs of competition enforcement compared to the benefits it produces?

This year, the GCLC's Annual Conference for 2021 will discuss the results of a research project that the GCLC ran in the past year on ex post assessment of competition enforcement in Europe. At this unprecedented event, economists, business scientists, legal practitioners, and enforcers will use the benefit of hindsight to review past competition cases.

The event will take place online over three consecutive Fridays.

DAY 1 – 29 January 2021 14:00-18:30

14:00-14:10 Welcome Address

Bernd Meyring (GCLC, Linklaters)

14:10-14:20 Presentation of the Conference

Assimakis Komninou (GCLC, White & Case)

Nicolas Petit (GCLC, EUI)

14:20-14:45 General Report on methodology

Paolo Buccirossi (LEAR)

**14:45-16.35 First Research Group – Report & Discussion
The Microsoft Cases**

Moderator

Sir Nicholas Forwood (Brick Court, White & Case)

Rapporteurs

Dan Gore (RBB)

Ashwin van Rooijen (Clifford Chance)

Speakers

Nicholas Banasevic (European Commission)

Jean-François Bellis (Van Bael & Bellis/University of Brussels (ULB))

Aleksandra Boutin (Positive Competition)

Michal Gal (University of Haifa)

Sir Philip Lowe (Oxera)

**16:40-18.30 Second Research Group – Report & Discussion
The Payment Card Cases**

Moderator

Alexander Italianer (Arnold & Porter)

Rapporteurs

Scott Mc Innes (Bird & Bird)

Alen Veljan (University of Hamburg)

Speakers

Avantika Chowdhury (Oxera)

Dennis Carlton (University of Chicago)

Nicolas Petit (GCLC, EUI)

René Plank (European Commission)

Alicia Van Cauwelaert (Freshfields)

DAY 2 – 5 February 2021 14:30-18:30

**14:30-16.30 Third Research Group – Report & Discussion
The Buyer Power Merger Cases**

Moderator

Adina Claiici (Copenhagen Economics, GCLC)

Rapporteurs

Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui (University of Bergen)

Maurice de Valois Turk (Oxera)

Speakers

Pauline Affeldt (DIW Berlin)

Jorge Padilla (Compass Lexecon)

Victoria Daskalova (University of Twente)

Thomas Deisenhofer (European Commission)

John Kirkwood (Seattle University School of Law)

**16:30-18.30 Fourth Research Group – Report & Discussion
The Pharmaceutical Parallel Trade Cases**

Moderator

Kristina Nordlander (Sidley)

Rapporteurs

Jan Blockx (University of Antwerp)

Benoît Durand (RBB)

Speakers

Rainer Becker (European Commission)

Angel Givaja Sanz (Garrigues)

Assimakis Komninos (GCLC, White & Case)

Margaret Kyle (MINES ParisTech)

Laura Lasio (McGill University)

DAY 3 – 12 February 2021 14:30-18:30

**14:30-16.30 Fifth Research Group – Report & Discussion
The Rebates Cases (Michelin I and II and Virgin/BA)**

Moderator

Kirsten Edwards-Warren (Compass Lexecon)

Rapporteurs

Christian Ahlborn (Linklaters)

Xavier Boutin (Positive Competition)

Speakers

Lars Kjolbye (Latham & Watkins)

Damien Neven (University of Geneva)

Pierre Régibeau (European Commission)

Claire Simpson (EFTA Surveillance Authority)

Denis Waelbroeck (GCLC, Ashurst, ULB)

16:30-18.30 Taking Stock: Enforcers' Panel

Moderator: John Fingleton (Fingleton)

Isabelle De Silva (Autorité de la Concurrence)

Cani Fernández (CNMC)

Antonio Gomes (OECD)

Šarūnas Keserauskas (Lithuanian Comp. Council)

Alejandra Palacios (COFECE)

Jacques Steenbergen (BMA/ABC)

18.30-18.45 Closure & GCLC Best Thesis Award

Rector Federica Mogherini (College of Europe)

Attendance to the conference is free, but registration is required.

Webex Event details will be provided to registered participants the day before each session.

FURTHER INQUIRIES

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