

Seminar on European Competition Law

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Cartels

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Seminar objectives

Cartels are regarded as the most harmful violations of competition law and remain at the core of competition law enforcement both at the EU and national level. The seminar will focus on the sources of information and guidance that national judges can turn to when faced with complex or novel issues and special attention will be devoted to the assessment of evidence of collusive behaviour, particularly the requirements of prohibition under *Article 101 TFEU*.

Agenda

Thursday, 12 December 2024

09.30-10.00	Welcome remarks, Group photo Csaba Balázs Rigó, President of the Hungarian Competition Authority
10.00-10.15	Questionnaire exercise – What do you know?
10.15-11.15	The economics and impact of cartels
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.30	Anti-competitive agreements, decisions by associations and concerted practices
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	Price fixing cartels – Analytical framework and case examples
15.00-15.15	Coffee Break
15.15-16.15	Buyer cartels – Analytical framework and case examples
16.15-17.30	Hypothetical Case Exercise
19.00-22.00	Welcome dinner



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09.00-09.15	Reflections on what we learnt yesterday
09.15-10.15	Collusive tendering cartels – Analytical framework and case examples
10.15-10.30	Coffee break
10.30-11.30	Wage-fixing and non-poach cartels – Analytical framework and case examples
11.30-12.45	Hypothetical Case Exercise
12.45-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.15	Evidentiary issues in cartel cases
15.15-15.30	Coffee break
15.30-16.30	Hypothetical Case Exercise
16.30-17.00	Kahoot game!
17.00-17.15	Questionnaire exercise – What do you know now?