Programme

Day one - Monday, 11 July

13.30: Welcome coffee and registration

14.00: Chairs’ welcome

John Davies, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Brussels
Bojana Ignjatovic, RBB Economics, London

14.15: Keynote speaker

Giulio Federico, Head of Unit at DG Competition, Chief Economist Team, European Commission, Brussels

14.45: The merger whirlwind: A perfect storm - Harder deals and tougher regulators?

- Are dealmakers really overreaching?
- Are regulators over-zealous, even on minor matters?
- 4-to-3s - new line in the sand?
- Return of coordinated effects and portfolio theories: serious contenders or unilateral effect “add-ons”?

Moderator:
Bojana Ignjatovic, RBB Economics, London

Panel:
Melanie Aitken, Bennett Jones, Washington, DC and former Head of the Canadian Competition Bureau
Giulio Federico, Head of Unit at DG Competition, Chief Economist Team, European Commission, Brussels
William Turtle, Slaughter and May, London
Sven Völcker, Latham & Watkins, Brussels

16.05: Coffee break

16.25: Process, Privilege and Procedure: A guide to navigating new approaches to the EC process issues

- The impact of Brexit
- Could and should DG Competition be more transparent? Can it improve on timing?
- Access to file: who, how, what and when?
- EUMR process from pre-notification to remedies: new developments and key stumbling blocks
- Update on real life experiences on legal professional privilege claims
- Potential for imports: lessons from other jurisdictions
- Role of the Ombudsman

**Moderator:**
Paul Gilbert, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, London

**Panel:**
John Davies, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Brussels
Stephen Mavroghenis, Shearman & Sterling, Brussels
Kristina Nordlander, Sidley Austin, Brussels
Mark Powell, White & Case, Brussels and London

17.45: **Conclusion of day one**

19.15 onwards: **All delegates are invited to attend a drinks reception hosted by Hogan Lovells and a conference dinner hosted by Shearman & Sterling at the Hotel Amigo**

**Day two - Tuesday, 12 July**

8.30: **Welcome coffee and registration**

9.00: Chairs’ welcome

John Davies, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Brussels
Bojana Ignjatovic, RBB Economics, London

9.05: **Richard Whish’s year in review**

Professor Whish will review the year just gone, emphasising the themes and trends behind the headlines – plus he will also consider the implications of Brexit for EU competition policy, including the effect on merger and antitrust investigations.

Richard Whish QC, Emeritus Professor, King's College London

10.35: **Coffee break**

10.55: **Standard-Essential Patents: The EC position after the Samsung and Motorola caes**

- SEP litigation - legitimate competition issues or commercial disputes?
- When do SEP injunctions constitute an abuse of dominance?
- FRAND: what is a fair and reasonable price?

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• Cross-over implications for other areas (CDS settlements)
• International perspectives

Moderator:
Richard Whish QC, Emeritus Professor, King's College London

Panel:
Miranda Cole, Covington & Burling, Brussels and London
Trevor Soames, Shearman & Sterling, Brussels
Robert O'Donoghue, Brick Court Chambers, London

12.05: Networking lunch

13.15: Non-cartel antitrust enforcement: The calm before the storm?

• The antitrust pipeline: what to expect and what it says about DG Competition's prioritisation criteria
• Cross border issues in online distribution - the hot topic of 2016?
• Exclusionary abuses: focus on protecting competitors, or competition?
• What future for exploitative abuses?

Moderator:
Jonas Koponen, Linklaters, Brussels

Panel:
Kirsten Edwards-Warren, Compass Lexecon, London
Matthew Levitt, Hogan Lovells, Brussels
Philip Marsden, Professor, Inquiry Chair at Competition and Markets Authority, London
David Parker, Frontier Economics, London

14.25: Navigating follow-on damages: What every defendant (and plaintiff) should know

• The impact of Brexit
• (Strategic) choice of jurisdiction: the view from plaintiffs and the defendants
• Should there be any coordination across jurisdictions? What does the directive achieve?
• What's been the influence of the EC Practical Guidance on Quantifying Harm?
• Presumptions on pass-on: any closer to guidance for the judiciary?

Moderator:
Jeroen Kortmann, Stibbe, Amsterdam

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Panel:
Benoît Durand, RBB Economics, Brussels and Paris
Elizabeth Morony, Clifford Chance, London
Thomas Paul, Hengeler Mueller, Düsseldorf
Kassie Smith QC, Monckton Chambers, London

15.35: Coffee break

15:55: State Aid and selective tax rulings: Competitive advantage or tax evasion?

- When do tax breaks constitute unlawful State Aid?
- Should there be greater guidance on transfer pricing?
- Are State Aid rules sufficient to address policy concerns over tax avoidance?
- Other State Aid enforcement priorities

Moderator:
Andreas von Bonin, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Brussels

Panel:
Jackie Holland, Slaughter and May, London
Gert-Jan Koopman, Deputy Director-General State Aid, DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels
Raymond Luja, Professor of Comparative Tax Law, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, Maastricht
George Peretz QC, Monckton Chambers, London

17:05: Chairs’ closing remarks

John Davies, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Brussels
Bojana Ignjatovic, RBB Economics, London

17:15: Close of conference