



ECONOMICS FOR EU
COMPETITION LAW:
AN ESSENTIAL TOOL FOR
THE NATIONAL JUDGE
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Key topics

- Basic economic concepts and principles in competition law
- Approach to economic evidence and experts
- Economic tools for judges in Article 101 and 102 TFEU cases
- Quantification of harm and compensation in actions for damages

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Thursday, 22 March 2018

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants

09:20 **Welcome words**
Avgustina Lazarova, ERA

I. INTRODUCTION

9:30 **Economics in national competition litigation**

- **Types of cases**
- **Tasks for the national judge related to economics**
- **The role of economic evidence**

10:15 Q&A and discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Competition in practice: simulation exercise**

12:15 **Competition in practice: debriefing of the simulation exercise**

13:15 Q&A and discussion

13:30 Lunch

II. QUANTIFICATION OF HARM IN ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES

14:30 **Economic approaches and methods for damages quantification**

15:15 Q&A and discussion

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Case study: Cartel damage claim**

- **Calculation of overcharge and assessment of pass-on**
- **Assessment of economic expert evidence**

17:00 Q&A and discussion

17:30 End of the first day

19:30 Seminar dinner

Friday, 23 March 2018

III. ECONOMIC TOOLS IN THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLES 101 AND 102 TFEU

09:00 **Arrival and registration**

09:15 **Economics in examples of anticompetitive agreements and concerted practices**

- **Theories of harm**
- **Economic evidence**
- **Remedies and fines**

Rainer Nitsche

10:00 Q&A and discussion

10:15 **Workshop: Assessment of economic evidence in an information exchange case**
Rainer Nitsche

Objective

A good understanding of economic principles, analysis and methods has become an important element of a well-founded ruling by the national judge, whether in cases of public or private enforcement of competition law. This is even more so since late 2016, by when the Member States had to implement the Antitrust Damages Actions Directive and take into account its accompanying documents.

This seminar aims to provide national judges with a good understanding of basic economic concepts in EU competition law and with the tools to assess economic evidence and to quantify the harm caused by infringement of competition rules.

Who should attend?

National judges, assistant and trainee judges, prosecutors requiring knowledge of EU competition law.

About the project

This seminar is part of a large-scale ERA project on economics for competition law for national judges, which is co-funded by the Training of National Judges Programme of the European Union. It consists of 4 seminars taking place in 2017 and 2018 in Lisbon, Thessaloniki, Bucharest and Trier.

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- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:30 **Economics in examples of market concentration, dominance and abuse of dominance**
- **Theories of harm**
 - **Economic evidence**
 - **Remedies and fines**
- 12:15 Q&A and Discussion
- 12:30 **Workshop: Assessment of economic evidence in an abuse of dominance case**
- 13:15 Conclusions of workshop and end of seminar

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Conditions of participation

1. Participation is open to national judges, assistance and apprentice judges and public prosecutors dealing with the application of competition rules.
2. Applications can be made until **22nd of January 2018.**
3. Only a limited number of places is available for the training. A response will be given to every applicant of this seminar shortly after this deadline. Participation is confirmed only upon receiving a written response from the organisers. For applications received after the deadline or in case the event is already fully booked, a reserve list of participants will be drawn up.
4. Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. We advise you not to book any tickets before you receive our confirmation. ERA will book and pay accommodation for two nights per participant.
5. Participation is free of charge.
6. Travel costs will be reimbursed up to a maximum amount of € 350 (including taxi costs) subject to submission of the originals of travel receipts to be send in within one month after the training (like flight ticket, boarding pass, train ticket, taxi bill, etc.). Travel costs of judges from Romania will be reimbursed up to a maximum of €100.
7. Accommodation for 2 nights (21st and 22nd March 2018) will be provided at a hotel next to the venue of the seminar. More information will be provided after the participation has been confirmed by the organisers.
8. Lunch, beverages consumed during the event, the conference documents and the conference dinner are offered by the Academy.
9. A certificate of attendance will be issued after the training.
10. **Participation to the whole course is required and your presence will be monitored. Participants are not to make travel arrangements that require them to leave the seminar before its end. Filling in the seminar evaluation form is also mandatory. Failure to attend the entire course and/or to fill out the evaluation form will automatically mean that the participant is not entitled to a certificate of attendance or to reimbursement of costs.**
11. A list of participants including each participant's address will be made available to all participants unless the Academy receives written objection from the participant no later than one week prior to the beginning of the event.
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