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Key topics

- Characteristics of digital and multi-sided markets
- Market definition in multi-sided markets
- The role of platforms and algorithms in online collusion
- Vertical e-restraints

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(with simultaneous interpretation)

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Monday, 4 June 2018

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants

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

I. INTRODUCTION

9:30 **Characteristics of digital and multi-sided markets**

- Direct and indirect network effects
- Types of business models
- Way of functioning of digital markets
- The role of data and “attention”

David Jevons

10:30 Q&A and discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Market definition in multi-sided markets**

- Main challenges in defining the relevant market
- Defining one or two relevant markets?
- No payment, no market?
- Practical examples

Vincent Verouden

12:15 Q&A and discussion

12:30 Lunch

13:45 **Case study: market definition in multi-sided markets**

Vincent Verouden

II. HORIZONTAL AGREEMENTS

14:45 **Algorithmic collusion**

- What are algorithms and for what are they used?
- Types of algorithms
- Role of algorithms in collusion
- Challenges for competition law enforcement

Alexandre de Streel

15:30 Q&A and discussion

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 **The use of online platforms in facilitating competition law breaches**

Hein Hobbelen

17:00 Q&A and discussion

17:15 End of the first day

19:00 Seminar dinner

Objective

Recent years have seen the booming of e-commerce, online platforms and digital markets, which in turn influences competition analysis and has brought up the question of whether “traditional” competition enforcement appropriately addresses recent developments and novel issues. Consequently, national courts are required to be up-to-date on the particularities of digital markets in order to be able to review national competition authorities’ decisions and factor them into their judgments.

This seminar for national judges aims to analyse and define digital markets and the behaviour of undertakings in the online world in order to assess their conformity with EU and national competition rules on anti-competitive agreements.

Who should attend?

National judges dealing with the review of national competition authorities’ decisions and final-instance judges dealing with antitrust/merger cases.

Tuesday, 5 June 2018

III. VERTICAL AGREEMENTS

- 09:00 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:15 **Pricing restraints in the online world**
- Resale price maintenance
 - Minimum advertised prices
 - “Most favoured nation” clauses
- Pinar Akman*
- 10:15 Q&A and discussion
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Non-pricing restraints in the online world**
- Restricting the use of price comparison tools
 - Ban of online marketplaces
 - Geo-blocking
- Wolfgang Kirchhoff*
- 11:45 **Case study on vertical e-restraints**
- Pinar Akman*
- 12:45 Q&A and discussion
- 13:00 End of seminar

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Enforcement of Art. 102 TFEU and merger control

Düsseldorf, 13-14 December 2018

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Conditions of participation

1. Participation is open to applicants belonging to one of the following groups:
 - national judges, assistant and apprentice judges, prosecutors and members of judicial court staff dealing with the review of national competition authorities' decisions
 - national judges, assistant and apprentice judges, prosecutors and members of judicial court staff dealing with antitrust/merger cases at final instance (a final-instance judge may be of an appeal court, if this court's decisions cannot be further challenged).

Candidates who do not belong to one of these two groups will not be selected for participation. Applications can be made until **22 April 2018**.

2. Only a limited number of places is available for the training. A response will be given to every applicant shortly after this deadline. Participation is confirmed only upon receiving a written response from the organisers. A reserve list of unsuccessful applicants will be drawn up. In the event of cancellations, applicants on the reserve list will be offered a place.
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4. Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Applicants are advised not to book any tickets before receiving the organisers' confirmation.
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