

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.

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

Who should attend?

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

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About the project

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Thursday, 21 September 2017

- 09:00 Arrival and registration
- 09:20 **Welcome words**
Eirini Volikou, ERA
- I. INTRODUCTION**
- 09:30 **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: a market game**
- Market players
 - Market prices
 - Market integration
- 12:15 **Market game debriefing: key economic principles relevant to competition law**
- Supply and demand
 - Welfare analysis
 - Benefits of competition
- 13:15 Q&A and discussion
- 13:30 Lunch

II. QUANTIFICATION OF HARM IN ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES

- 14:30 **Elements of full compensation**
- 15:00 Q&A and discussion
- 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:45 **Case study: Cartel damage claim**
- Damage: presumption, calculation and passing-on
 - Assessment of economic evidence: experts' opinions, facts, burden of proof
- 17:00 Q&A and discussion
- 17:30 End of the first day
- 19:30 Seminar dinner

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Friday, 22 September 2017

- 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
- 10:00 Q&A and discussion
- 10:15 **Workshop: Assessment of economic evidence in an information exchange case**
- 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