Annual Conference on European State Aid Law 2018

- Update on Fiscal State aid cases
- EU State aid control in a global context
- Aid for energy and the environment

Trier, 8-9 November 2018

Confirmed speakers

Barbara Brandtner, Head of Unit A/3 State Aid Strategy, DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels

José Luis Buendía Sierra, Partner, Garrigues, Brussels

Jacques Derenne, Partner, Global Co-Practice Leader, Antitrust & Competition, Sheppard Mullin, Brussels; Associate Professor, University of Liège

Ann-Sophie Dupont, International Relations Officer, Unit A/5 International Relations, DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels

Leigh Hancher, Professor of European Law at Tilburg University; Director, Energy Law and Policy, Florence School of Regulation

David Hummel, Legal secretary, Court of Justice of the EU, Luxembourg

Viktor Kreuschitz, Judge, General Court of the EU, Luxembourg

Nina Niejahr, Counsel, Baker McKenzie, Brussels

Conor Quigley QC, Serje Court Chambers, London; University of Oxford

Lena Sandberg, Of Counsel, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, Brussels

Kelly Stricklin-Coutinho, 39 Essex Chambers, London

Jean-Luc Sauron, Judge responsible for European Law, Conseil d’Etat (French Supreme Administrative Court), Paris

Michael Jürgen Werner, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright, Brussels

Philipp Werner, Partner, Jones Day, Brussels

Key topics

- Update from the European Commission
- Notable judgments of the Court of Justice and the General Court of the EU
- Tax and State aid
- State aid control from an international perspective
- Practical issues and challenges
- State aid for energy and the environment

Languages

English, French, German (with simultaneous interpretation)

Event number
218R14

Organiser
Avgustina Dorich (ERA) with the support of Jacques Derenne (Sheppard Mullin)

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Thursday, 8 November 2018

08:50 Arrival and registration of participants

09:20 Welcome and introduction
Avgustina Dorich

I. KEYNOTE SPEECH

Chair: Jacques Derenne

09:30 State Aid Modernisation: where do we stand?
- Results achieved
- Latest initiatives
Barbara Brandtner

10:15 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

II. STATE AID AND TAXATION

11:15 Fiscal State aid: state of play and hot issues
- Update on tax ruling cases: recent judgments, ongoing investigations and appeals
Conor Quigley
- Ramifications of other fiscal aid cases
José Luis Buendia Sierra

12:15 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

14:00 Concepts of selectivity and advantage in fiscal aid in the light of recent case law
David Hummel

14:45 Discussion

15:15 Coffee break

III. EU STATE AID CONTROL IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

Chair: Nina Niejahr

15:45 Export of EU State aid rules
Ann-Sophie Dupont

16:15 State aid post-Brexit: quo vadis?
- Impact from EU and UK perspectives
- Potential issues and challenges
- The role of the future UK State aid regulator
Kelly Stricklin-Coutinho
Jacques Derenne
Conor Quigley

16:45 Discussion

17:15 Compensation granted to undertakings in relation to economic sanctions – what reconciliation with EU State aid law?
Michael Jürgen Werner

17:45 Discussion

18:00 End of first conference day

Objective

This year’s conference is aimed at providing legal practitioners with a comprehensive update on the most recent developments from the Court of Justice of the EU and the European Commission in the field of EU State aid law. Special attention will be paid to fiscal State aid, State aid for energy and the environment and the international dimension of EU State aid control.

Who should attend?

Civil servants, in-house counsel, lawyers in private practice, industry representatives

What participants said in 2017

“… it was perfectly balanced and well prepared…”

“… good variety of topics…”

“…good speakers with knowledge/practical experience…”

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19:30 Conference dinner

Friday, 9 November 2018

IV. SECTOR-SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENTS

Chair: Philipp Werner

09:00 Aid for energy and the environment:
- State aid through the Emission Trading Guidelines
  Lena Sandberg
- Financing renewable energy: implications of recent Commission decisions
  Leigh Hancher

09:45 Discussion

10:15 Coffee break

V. DEVELOPMENTS IN CJEU CASE LAW

10:45 Latest jurisprudence of the Court of Justice and of the General Court of the EU
  Viktor Kreuschitz

11:30 Discussion

12:00 Practical impact of recent case law: challenges for national administrations, courts and undertakings
  Jean-Luc Sauron
  Jacques Derenne

13:00 Discussion

13:30 End of conference and light lunch

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Programme may be subject to amendment.

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Save the date

Competition Law Workshop
Dawn Raids: Practical Issues and Latest Developments
Brussels, 25 October 2018
This workshop will be streamed live

EU State Aid Litigation
Brussels, 23-24 May 2019

e-Learning

Online training course for national judges: The changing role of the national judge in EU state aid cases
www.state-aid-online.eu

State Aid for Professional Football Clubs and Sports Infrastructure
Lukas Ament

The Case Law of the European Courts on State Aid in 2016-17
Viktor Kreuschitz

The European Commission’s State Aid Priorities, Probes and Future Plans
Gert Jan Koopman

Tax and State Aid in the Spotlight
Nina Niejahr

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- English  
- French  
- German

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