Annual Conference on European State Aid Law 2017

Trier, 9-10 November 2017

Speakers

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

Alfonso Lamadrid de Pablo, Principal Associate, Garrigues, Brussels

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

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Karl Soukup, Director, State Aid: General Scrutiny and Enforcement Directorate, DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels

Kai Struckmann, Partner, White & Case, Brussels

Key topics

- Update from the European Commission
- CJEU judgments of the past year
- Banking resolution and non-performing loans
- State aid for sports and infrastructure
- Impact of Brexit
- Developments on the funding of Services of General Economic Interest (SGEI)

Languages: English, French, German (with simultaneous interpretation)

Event number 217R16

Organiser ERA (Eirini Volikou)
Thursday, 9 November 2017

8:50  Arrival and registration of participants

9:20  Welcome and introduction  
      Eirini Volikou

I. KEYNOTE ADDRESS

9:30  Update from the European Commission  
      Karl Soukup

10:00 Discussion

II. SECTOR-SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENTS

10:30 Bank resolution measures and State aid  
      • The issue of non-performing loans and “failing” banks  
      • Interplay with the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive  
        Anna Gardella, Kai Struckmann

11:10 Discussion

11:30 Coffee Break

12:00 Aid for sports  
      • Aid for sports infrastructure and the amended GBER  
      • Aid to football clubs: lessons learned from the recent Spanish and Dutch FC cases  
        Lukas Ament

12:30 Aid for infrastructure: What has happened since the Leipzig Halle judgment?  
      Lena Sandberg

12:50 Discussion

13:15 Lunch

III. THE BIGGER PICTURE

14:30 State aid and investment treaties: recent cases  
      • Bilateral and international investment treaties  
      • Investment arbitration  
        Marc Bungenberg

15:15 Discussion

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 Role and impact of State aid rules in the Brexit negotiations:  
      Implications from the EU and UK standpoints  
      Jacques Derenne, Conor Quigley, Jean-Luc Sauron

17:15 Discussion

17:45 End of first conference day

19:30 Dinner

Objective

This year’s annual conference will update practitioners on the latest developments and trends from the European Commission and on the most recent case law from the Court of Justice of the EU. Attention will be paid to current hot issues, such as Brexit and lessons learned from recent cases in different sectors.

Who should attend?

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

What participants said in 2016

“… excellent organisation and good mix of topics and speakers…”

“… wide range of speakers and colleagues from different nations …”

“… interesting selection of topics…”

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**Friday, 10 November 2017**

**IV. CASE LAW UPDATE AND ANALYSIS**

09:30 **Notable judgments by the Court of Justice of the EU from the past year**  
*Viktor Kreuschitz*

10:15 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Panel:**  
Impact of recent cases and judgments dealing with State aid and the funding of SGEI  
*Alfonso Lamadrid, Paul-John Loewenthal*

12:00 Discussion

12:30 **2016-2017 case law analysis:**  
- Selectivity  
- Advantage and State resources  
*Nicole Coutrelis*

13:10 Discussion

13:30 End of conference and lunch

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Programme may be subject to amendment.

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Trier, 11-15 September 2017

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*Anticompetitive Practices in the Online World: Hot Issues*  
Brussels, 26 October 2017

**e-Presentations**

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

State Aid Procedure before the European Commission  
*April Pelin*

Recovery of Unlawful and Incompatible Aid  
*Jacques Derenne*

Admissibility of Actions Challenging European Commission Decisions  
*Leo Flynn*

State Aid: Review on the Merits and Other Issues  
*Michael Jürgen Werner & Vincent Verouden*

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Chosen seminar language:  
- English
- German
- French

Evening programme: I shall attend the dinner on 9 November (at no extra charge).

Registration fee

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