



# Annual Conference on European State Aid Law 2023

Trier & Online, 9 -10 November 2023



EXCELLENCE IN  
**EUROPEAN LAW**<sup>1</sup>

## Speakers and Chairs

**Jacques Derenne**, Partner, Sheppard Mullin, Brussels;  
Professor at the University of Liège and Brussels School of  
Competition

**Martin Farley**, Member of the Legal Service, European  
Commission, Brussels

**Cvetelina Georgieva**, Member of the Legal Service, European  
Commission, Brussels

**Natura Gràcia**, Partner, Linklaters, London

**Viktor Kreuzschitz**, Former judge at the General Court of the  
European Union, Luxembourg

**Carole Maczkovics**, Of Counsel, Covington & Burling, Brussels

**Nicola Pesaresi**, Head of Unit, COMP.B2 - Markets and Cases I:  
Energy and Environment - State Aid, DG Competition, European  
Commission, Brussels

**Nina Pótorak**, Judge, General Court of the European Union,  
Luxembourg

**Karl Soukup**, Director, Directorate COMP.H - State Aid: General  
Scrutiny and Enforcement, DG Competition, European  
Commission, Brussels

**Kai Struckmann**, Partner, Deloitte Legal, Brussels

**Michael Jürgen Werner**, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright, Brussels

## Key topics

- Implementation of the Foreign Subsidies Regulation
- The Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework
- The “Green Deal” GBER amendment
- An update on Important Projects of Common European Interest
- Application of the Commission’s CEEAG
- Latest CJEU case law

Languages  
English, French  
(with simultaneous interpretation)

Event number  
223R16

Organisers  
Avgustina Dorich (ERA) with the  
support of Jacques Derenne

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## Thursday, 9 November 2023

08:45 Arrival and registration of participants // Connecting to the online platform

09:15 **Opening of the conference**  
*Avgustina Dorich*

Chair: *Jacques Derenne*

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### I. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN POLICY AND ENFORCEMENT

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09:30 **Keynote speech:**  
**The European Commission's enforcement priorities and future plans**  
*Karl Soukup*

10:15 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Foreign Subsidies Regulation: first takeaways after the start of application**

- Main implications for State aid practitioners
- The Implementing Regulation in practice

*Natura Gràcia*  
*Martin Farley*

12:15 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

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### II. STATE AID FOR A GREEN AND DIGITAL TRANSITION: FOCUS ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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14:00 **State aid in support of the transition to a net-zero economy**

- The Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework
- The "Green Deal" GBER amendment
- Recent Important Projects of Common European Interest

*Kai Struckmann*

15:00 Discussion

15:15 Coffee break

15:45 **Application of the Commission's Climate, Energy and Environmental Aid Guidelines**

- State of play
- Main challenges

*Nicola Pesaresi*

16:30 Discussion

16:45 **State aid in the energy sector: recent CJEU case law**  
*Carole Maczkovics*

17:15 Discussion

17:30 End of first conference day

19:30 Conference dinner

## Objective

The annual conference aims 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 the role of State aid rules for a green and digital transition, with a focus on energy and the environment.

## Who should attend?

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

## What participants said in 2022

"The presentation by the Commission was very valuable, as is the diversity and contributions of the participants."

"Very interactive approach to state aid matters, lots of discussions, and many elements to take home and think about, it is always an excellent conference."

"I really liked the variety of speakers and how approachable they were."

## Important note

You can participate either face-to-face or online.

Please note that payment by invoice must be made at the latest two days prior to the event.

## Networking opportunity

Our legal training events in Trier offer a fantastic opportunity to connect with legal professionals and high-level speakers from different parts of Europe. Together, you will have the chance to network during our coffee breaks and enjoy regional culinary specialties during our networking dinner in a friendly atmosphere.

## Visit Trier

Trier, referred to as "Rome of the North", is also a diverse city to explore with its rich history, eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites and its local wine. Its proximity to the Luxembourg border makes it an ideal location for those interested in visiting the judicial capital of the EU.



## Friday, 10 November 2023

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants // Connecting to the online platform

Chair: *Jacques Derenne*

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### III. CASE LAW DEVELOPMENTS

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09:30 **Notable judgments of the Court of Justice and the General Court of the EU**  
*Nina Póltorak*

10:15 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Practical analysis of recent case law**

- Advantage and selectivity
- Transfer of state resources and imputability
- Distortion of competition and effect on trade
- Compatibility with the internal market

*Viktor Kreuzschitz*

*Michael Jürgen Werner*

*Cvetelina Georgieva*

12:30 Discussion

12:45 End of the conference and light lunch

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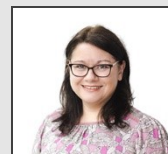


Times indicated are CET  
(Central European Time)

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## Venue

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# Registration

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### Location

ERA Conference Centre  
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### Languages

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(with simultaneous interpretation)

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Chosen conference language:  English  French

- I will attend in person  
 I will attend online

### Registration fee

Fee	Standard	EU & ERA patrons*	Young lawyers & other groups**
Registration by 9 October 2023	€ 801,00 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 600,75 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 600,75 <input type="checkbox"/>
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