



The Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Law and Policy (ICC) & Baker McKenzie

Annual Conference 2019

Trends and Developments in Global Competition Law

Friday, 7 June 2019 | The Hotel, Boulevard de Waterloo 38, 1000 Brussels

This conference offers a unique forum for exchanging ideas and discussing recent developments in competition law across the globe. It brings together leading figures in the field from around the world including judges, competition officials, academics, in-house counsel and private practitioners. The conference combines the policy perspective of the London-based Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Law and Policy (ICC) with the practical experience of the international law firm Baker McKenzie.

This will be a one-day event, with four major areas of focus: **international merger control; international cartel enforcement; private enforcement; and a debate about the degree of intervention by competition authorities.** Our aim on this occasion is to bring to our audience a comprehensive update of recent developments related to these topics which will be presented in an analytical and thought-provoking way by a high-level panel of speakers from around the globe. All of the topics will be illustrated by practical examples drawn from recent cases taken from the EU, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, the UK, the US and other competition law regimes.

Programme

8.30-9.00	Registration and coffee
9.00-9.15	Introduction and welcome by conference chairmen Eyad Maher Dabbah (ICC) and Werner Berg (Baker McKenzie, Brussels)
9.15	International merger control Chair: Samantha Mobley, Partner, Baker McKenzie, London Speakers: Julia Topel, Director, Head of 6th Decision Division, Bundeskartellamt; Tim Lamb, Associate General Counsel - Competition and Regulatory, Facebook; Aaron Hoag, Chief of Technology and Financial Services Section, US Department of Justice
	Discussion topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The current approach to digital mergers.▪ Focus on procedural infringements: a new dawn?▪ The implications of common ownership in merger assessment.
10.45-11.00	Coffee break
11.00	International cartel enforcement Chair: Savvas S. Papasavvas, Judge, General Court of the European Union Speakers: Gerald Miersch, Head of Unit, DG Competition, European Commission; David Tayar, Partner, Clifford Chance, Paris; Akira Inoue, Partner, Baker McKenzie, Tokyo
	Discussion topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The prosecution of atypical cartels: purchasing cartels, R&D cartels, and no poach agreements.▪ Is leniency still an effective cartel detection tool?▪ International cooperation in cartel cases - issues and experiences.
12.30	Business lunch

13.30	<p>New developments on private enforcement</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. Gerald Mäsch, University of Münster</p> <p>Speakers: Anna Vernet, Head of Unit, DG Competition, European Commission; Frank Kroes, Partner, Baker McKenzie, Amsterdam; Johannes Boner, General Counsel, Sappi Europe</p>
	<p>Discussion topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Will the implementation of the Damages Directive lead to a level playing field across the EU?▪ Key concepts for the calculation of damages.▪ Collective actions: the state of play in Europe - would the European Commission's proposal for Collective Redress make a difference?
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15	<p>More or less intervention - hipster antitrust or European champions?</p> <p>Chair: Martijn Snoep, Chairman of the Netherlands Authority for Consumer and Markets (ACM)</p> <p>Speakers: Philip Marsden, Bank of England, FCA, OFGEM, PSR, CRA; Dr Maria Ioannidou, Senior Lecturer in Competition Law, Deputy-Director, ICC Queen Mary University of London; Dirk Middelschulte, Global General Counsel – Competition, Unilever</p>
	<p>Discussion topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hipster antitrust to protect consumers - more intervention needed?▪ The revived debate on European champions - less intervention needed?▪ The online economy - reconciling the approaches of more and less intervention.
16.45-17.00	Conclusions and reflections
17.00	Reception



Accreditation

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