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Antitrust enforcement in digital markets: training for national judges

Recent years have seen the booming of e-commerce, online platforms and digital markets, which in turn influences competition analysis and has brought up the question of whether “traditional” competition enforcement appropriately addresses recent developments and novel issues. Consequently, national courts are required to be up-to-date on the particularities of digital markets in order to be able to review NCAs’ decisions and factor them into their judgments.

Within the framework of the project **Antitrust enforcement in digital markets: training for national judges** ERA is organising two 1.5-day seminars for national judges in English, with simultaneous interpretation in German, aiming to analyse and define digital markets and the behaviour of undertakings in the online world in order to assess their conformity with EU and national competition rules on concentrations, anti-competitive agreements and abuse of a dominant position.

Key topics:

Enforcement in the framework of Art. 101 TFEU (seminar in Budapest)

Budapest, 4 - 5 June 2018

National Office for the Judiciary, Budapest (Hungary)

- Price coordination/restrictions among platforms or between platforms and physical goods and services providers
- Developments in selective distribution and other vertical restrictions of online sales
- Restrictions relevant to two/multi-sided markets
- The use of online platforms as facilitators of competition law breaches

Enforcement of Art. 102 TFEU and merger control (seminar in Düsseldorf)

Düsseldorf, 13 - 14 December 2018

Higher Regional Court, Düsseldorf (Germany)

- Market definition in digital and two-sided markets
- Competition on one side affecting competition on the other; network effects

- How to assess market power and abuse of a dominant position in digital and two-sided markets
- The role of the “free” side of a market, the role of data
- Characteristics of digital and multi-sided markets playing a role in merger assessment
- Suitable commitments/remedies

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PARTNERS

- Hungarian National Office for the Judiciary
- Ministry of Justice of North-Rhine Westphalia
- European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

1. Participation is open to applicants belonging to one of the following groups:
 - national judges, assistant and apprentice judges, prosecutors and members of judicial court staff dealing with the review of national competition authorities’ decisions
 - national judges, assistant and apprentice judges, prosecutors and members of judicial court staff dealing with antitrust/merger cases at final instance (a final-instance judge may be of an appeal court, if this court's decisions cannot be further challenged).

Candidates who do not belong to one of these two groups will not be selected for participation. Applications can be made until **30 April 2018 for the seminar in Budapest and until 13 October 2018 for the seminar in Düsseldorf.**
2. Only a limited number of places is available for the trainings. A response will be given to every applicant of this seminar shortly after this deadline. Participation is confirmed only upon receiving a written response from the organisers. A reserve list of unsuccessful applicants will be drawn up. In the event of cancellations, applicants on the reserve list will be offered a place.
3. **Participation is free of charge.**
4. **Travel costs for the seminar in Budapest** will be reimbursed up to a maximum amount of € 400 (including taxi costs) subject to submission of the originals of travel receipts (like flight ticket, boarding pass, train ticket, taxi bill, etc.) to be sent in within one month after the training. Travel costs of participants from Hungary will be reimbursed up to a maximum of € 200.
5. **Travel costs for the seminar in Düsseldorf** of participants travelling by plane will be reimbursed up to a maximum amount of €400 and of participants travelling by train

or car will be reimbursed up to a maximum of €200 subject to submission of the originals of travel receipts to be send in within one month after the training.

6. **Accommodation in Budapest** for 2 nights (3rd and 4th June 2018) per participant will be booked and paid by ERA in the premises of the Hungarian Academy of Justice. Accommodation will be provided only to participants coming from outside Budapest.
7. **Accommodation in Düsseldorf** should be arranged by the participant. The costs for accommodation in Düsseldorf for 2 nights (12th and 13th December 2018) will be reimbursed by ERA up to a maximum amount of €115 per night.
8. Beverages consumed during the events, the conference documents and the conference lunch and dinner on the first conference days are offered by ERA.
9. A certificate of attendance will be issued after each seminar.
10. **Participation to the whole seminar attended is required. Participants are not to make travel arrangements that require them to leave the seminar before its end. Filling in the seminar evaluation form is also mandatory. Failure to attend the entire seminar and/or to fill out the evaluation form will automatically mean that the participant is not entitled to a certificate of attendance and to reimbursement of travel costs.**
11. **Please note that in the event of cancellations or failure to attend ERA will charge for the costs arising as a result thereof, e.g. for any hotel and/or travel arrangements made.**
12. A list of participants including each participant's address will be made available to all participants unless ERA receives written objection from the participant no later than one week prior to the beginning of the event.
13. The participant's address and other relevant information will be stored in ERA's database in order to provide information about future ERA events, publications and/or other developments in the participant's area of interest unless the participant indicates that he or she does not wish the Academy to do so.

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Registration for the seminar in Budapest is now open under the following link: www.era.int/?127714&en

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