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13-14 June 2024

Sofia, Bulgaria

The focus of the event is case law and decisional practices regarding digital markets and competition law. The event will be conducted online and in-person (by preference of the participants). Online participants will receive an access link and will be able to participate and interact with the speakers and other participants. Travel and accommodation costs for participants will be covered thanks to the co-funding of the project by the EC Programme Training of national judges and judicial cooperation in the field of EU competition law.

AGENDA:

Thursday, 13 June 2024, 09.30 – 16.00 EET

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| 09.30 – 10.00 | Registration of participants |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Welcome and opening Svetlana Ganeva, Teamleader of the Project, Vice-president of the European Women Lawyers' Association Judge Stefka Stoeva, former judge at the Bulgarian Constitutional Court and Vice-President of the Bulgarian Supreme Administrative Court |
| 10.30 – 11.30 | Digital markets and traditional competition law concepts in articles 101 and 102 of the TFEU Prof. Adrian Kuenzler, Professor in the Faculty of Law, Zürich University and an Affiliate Fellow at the Information Society Project, Yale Law School |
| 11.00 – 11.15 | Questions and discussion |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | Coffee break |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | Notable judgments by the Court of Justice of the EU in the field of EU competition law, cases involving digital markets Judge Krystyna Kowalik-Bańczyk, General Court of the European Union |
| 12.30 – 12.45 | Questions and discussion |
| 12.45 – 14.15 | Lunch break |
| 14.15 – 15.30 | Case law and decisional practices regarding digital markets, case studies Maria João Melícias, Board Member, Portuguese Competition Authority |
| 15.30 – 16.00 | Questions and discussion |
| 19.00 – 22.00 | Networking dinner for the participants in Sofia |



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Friday, 14 June 2024, 10.00 – 16 EET

- 10.00 – 11.00 **Pros and Cons of Proposed Reforms in Evidentiary and Liability Standards in Antitrust Enforcement in Digital Markets**
- Prof. Yannis Katsoulacos, Emeritus Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business
- 11.00 – 11.15 **Coffee break**
- 11.15 – 12.15 **Issues Raised by Alternative Regulations - Digital Markets Act. The Case of the Big Tech Platforms**
- Prof. Yannis Katsoulacos, Emeritus Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business
- 12.15 – 12.30 **Questions and Discussion**
- 12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch break**
- 14.00 – 15.30 **Impact of Algorithms on Competition Law. Algorithmic theories of harm and example cases**
- Antonio Capobianco, Senior Competition Expert with the OECD Competition Division, currently the Acting Head of the Division
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Questions and Discussion. Closing of the Event**

SPEAKERS:

KRYSTYNA KOWALIK-BAŃCZYK, JUDGE AT THE GENERAL COURT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Judge Krystyna KOWALIK-BAŃCZYK has been a judge at the General Court since 2016. She's also an associate professor of European Law and Competition Law at the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, DEA (Toulouse), MES (Bruges). She wrote her PhD on the regulation of e-commerce in EU and international law. She obtained her professorship on the basis of her book on the right of defence in EU antitrust proceedings.

STEFKA STOEVA, FORMER JUDGE AT THE BULGARIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

Constitutional judge at the Bulgarian Constitutional Court (2009-2018), Judge and Vice-President of the Bulgarian Supreme Administrative Court (1996-2009).

PROF. ADRIAN KUENZLER, PROFESSOR IN THE FACULTY OF LAW, ZÜRICH UNIVERSITY AND AN AFFILIATE FELLOW AT THE INFORMATION SOCIETY PROJECT, YALE LAW SCHOOL

Adrian Kuenzler is a Professor in the Faculty of Law, Zürich University and an Affiliate Fellow at the Information Society Project, Yale Law School. His scholarship examines problems in competition, intellectual property and consumer law from an economic and comparative perspective and draws on insights from the behavioural sciences to document the law's role in stimulating innovation and economic growth. Prof. Kuenzler held visiting academic positions at the European University Institute,



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ETH Zürich, Yale Law School, New York University School of Law, the Max Planck Institute for Collective Goods, the University of San Andrés, the University of Münster and the University of Oxford. His most recent book *Restoring Consumer Sovereignty - How Markets Manipulate Us and What the Law Can Do About It* (OUP 2017) describes the legal implications of the digital economy on individual decision-making so that legal policy can create environments in which consumers are both better informed, and find more meaning and satisfaction in what they buy.

PROF. YANNIS KATSOULACOS, EMERITUS PROFESSOR, ATHENS UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

Professor Yannis Katsoulacos is a Visiting Professor at ESSEC Business School, Paris, 2019 – 2020, Visiting Professor at the LSE European Institute (2018 – 2019) and Professor of Economics at the Department of Economic Science of the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) (since 1994). Prof. Yannis Katsoulacos' main research interests are in areas of Competition Policy and Regulation and the Economics of Technical Change and Innovation. He has been the author or co-author of over 125 articles, 60 of which in international refereed journals. He has also written and edited a large number of books. Prof. Yannis Katsoulacos has acted as advisor or consultant to the European Commission (CEU), the OECD, the World Bank, the EBRD and major corporations and Competition Authorities at various times since 1986. He has coordinated or has been principal investigator in over 60 research projects funded by the above international organizations since 1989.

ANTONIO CAPOBIANCO, SENIOR COMPETITION EXPERT WITH THE OECD COMPETITION DIVISION, CURRENTLY THE ACTING HEAD OF THE DIVISION

Antonio Capobianco is a Senior Competition Expert with the OECD Competition Division and is currently the Acting Head of the Division. Over the years at the Competition Division, Mr Capobianco has coordinated a series of OECD projects and work streams, including the development of the 2009 Guidelines for Fighting Bid Rigging in Public Procurement and the related OECD Council Recommendation of 2012, the work on transparency and procedural fairness, on SOEs and competitive neutrality, and most recently he has been leading the work on international enforcement co-operation. He has authored numerous Background Notes of the Secretariat on a variety of competition law enforcement and policy topics. Antonio Capobianco is co-author of Algorithmic Competition, OECD Competition Policy Roundtable Background Note. Mr. Capobianco is frequent speaker on topics related to digital markets, algorithms and antitrust.

MARIA JOÃO MELÍCIAS

Maria João Melícias has been commissioner of Portugal's Competition Authority for the past 9 years (2014-2023). In that capacity she has been responsible for enforcing competition policy in Portugal and within the European Competition Network. Prior to that, she was référendaire (advisor) of the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg. She holds a diploma in Corporate Governance from INSEAD Business School, an LL.M in Trade Regulation from New York University (NYU), an M.A. in EU Competition Law from King's College London and a law degree from the Lisbon University School of Law. She was awarded by NYU the Franz T. Diersen Prize, for distinction in her LL.M program. She is a regular lecturer and has published widely, particularly on competition policy related topics.



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LOGISTICS:

- Participation is free of charge.
- Participants in the Conference can be national judges, prosecutors, apprentice national judges, and the staff of national courts of EU Member States, in particular from Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Lithuania, Poland, Greece, Germany and Romania.
- Travel costs and accommodation arrangements for 2 nights will be made and covered by the organizers.
- Conference materials, lunch, beverages consumed during the event, and networking dinner on 13th of June 2024 are offered by the organizers.
- An option for online participation will also be provided. Links for access to a web platform will be provided to the on-line participants.
- A certificate of attendance will be issued.

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