

COMPETITION LAB FOR JUDGES

Stepping up with the economics of competition law: from core principles to application in practice

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

The seminar elaborates on key economic concepts (elasticity, substitutability, SSNIP test, market power, counterfactual, theories of harm) by referencing legislative texts, case law and the decisional practice of the competition authorities. It then picks out specific practices, to better illustrate analytical considerations affected by economic reasoning and the relevance of assessing anti-competitive effects. The seminar also covers the use of economic evidence and the quantification of antitrust harm.

AGENDA

Thursday, 10 November 2022

09.00-9.30 Welcome and opening remarks (GVH)

09.30-10.00 Group photo

10.00 – 11.00 Fundamental economic notions in market definition

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30 Assessing competitive effects: economic models, tests and theories of harm

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 Economics and law of excessive pricing

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break

15.15-16.15 Economics and law of excessive pricing in the pharmaceutical sector

16.15-17.30 Hypothetical Case Exercise

18.30 Welcome dinner

Friday, 11 November 2022

09.00 – 10:00 Economics and law of vertical agreements

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee Break

10.15 – 11.15 Economics and law of exclusive dealing

11.15 – 12.30 Hypothetical case

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Economic evidence & expert testimonies

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-16.30 Quantification of antitrust harm: How to assess the counterfactuals

16.30-17.00 Experience Sharing Session