New directions beyond Intel
The debate over rebates

On September 6, 2017, as a DG Comp team was finishing its assessment of allegations that Qualcomm shut out rival makers of chipsets for LTE smartphones, word came that the Court of Justice had ruled on a critical case involving Intel. The court had set aside a ruling by a lower court fining Intel €1 billion for abuse of dominance in another chip case.

Brice Allibert, who was one of the case managers together with Nicholas Banasevic, needed to call a pause to ponder what that meant for their work on Qualcomm. Banasevic and Allibert, who had also worked on the Intel decision, sat with their team, and assessed the effect of the new law created by the Court of Justice.

On May 22 in Brussels Allibert will describe, within the structures of Commission rules, the lessons his team learned and how they applied them to the decision they eventually drafted, adopted by the Commission on January 24, 2018. Even more important he will lay out where he sees the Commission going from here.

Miguel Rato, one of the lawyers for Qualcomm in the case, is part of a panel of lawyers, economists, and an academic who will question Allibert and his point of view. The panel will be moderated by Natalie McNelis, an experienced Brussels competition lawyer who has become a journalist reporting on the issues for MLex.

Chair
Natalie McNelis, Mlex

Speakers
- Brice Allibert, European Commission
- Christian Bergqvist, University of Copenhagen
- Thomas Graf, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
- Miguel Rato, Quinn Emanuel
- Ingrid Vandenborre, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

Convened by Dr Liza Lovdahl Gormsen, Competition Law Forum Director, British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL).

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