11th Annual BIICL Merger Conference (Brussels)

Tuesday 21 January 2014
09:00 to 16:00
Fondation Universitaire, rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Bruxelles

Topics covered at this conference will include:

- Screens and inferences in mergers: has DG Comp opened the Pandora’s box of price pressure tests?
- Remedies and Efficiencies – What Really Compensates for the Loss of Competition?
- Hot topics: Minority Stakes, Procedural Simplification, the Rise of MOFCOM

Speakers

- Giulio Federico, European Commission
- Clara Ingen-Housz, Linklaters Hong Kong
- Nelson Jung, Office of Fair Trading
- Edyth Kyegombe, Shell
- Andrea Lofaro, RBB Economics
- Johannes Luebking, European Commission
- Adrian Majumdar, RBB Economics
- Philip Marsden, British Institute of International and Comparative Law
- Simon Pritchard, Linklaters
- Emily Roche, Rio Tinto
- Gregory Werden, US Department of Justice (Antitrust Division)

6 CPD hours
Draft Programme

09:00 Welcome coffee

09:30 – 11:00 Panel 1: Screens and Inferences in Mergers

Chair: Adrian Majumdar, RBB Economics

Has DG Comp opened the Pandora’s box of price pressure tests and what can be learned from UK experience?

- **Edyth Kyegombe**, Shell – “What do businesses think about having their real life mergers assessed by theoretical back-of-the-envelope simulations?”
- **Giulio Federico**, EU Chief Economists Team – “Reaction: what does DG Comp think about price pressure tests?”

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:45 PANEL 2: Remedies and Efficiencies – What Really Compensates for the Loss of Competition?

Chair: Simon Pritchard, Linklaters

Concerns about lost competition can, in principle, be resolved by countervailing efficiencies and/or a suitable remedy – but what is the cutting edge in EUMR practice on both fronts?

- **Giulio Federico**, EU CET, “Economic Issues in Remedies Design” – the role of economics in the evaluation of the prospective remedial effects of merger commitments
- **Andrea Lofaro**, RBB Economics – Are Efficiencies Making Any Headway in EU cases? A review of UPS/TNT and other recent cases
- **Greg Werden**, US DOJ – Comments from a U.S. Perspective

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch
13:45 – 15:45  PANEL 3: Hot topics

Chair: Philip Marsden, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

- Minority stakes: merger control below ‘control’?; Theory and practice, and the ramifications of possible EUMR changes
- Simplifying procedures in the EU and beyond: unintended consequences for global deals?
- The rise of MOFCOM and other multi-jurisdictional challenges

- Johannes Luebking, DG Competition
- Nelson Jung, OFT
- Emily Roche, Rio Tinto
- Clara Ingen-Housz, Linklaters Hong Kong

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