

Conflicts of Interest and Ethical Rules in EU Competition Policy

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To date, rules on conflicts of interests have only been sparsely discussed in the competition community.

Yet, as in other areas of European Union (“EU”) policy, risks of conflicts of interests are neither remote nor uncommon in competition cases.

This half day conference thus seeks to shed light on the rules that govern conflicts of interests in EU competition policy, and in particular issues such as revolving doors practices, disqualification procedures, disclosure requirements, whistleblowing, etc.

Speakers include prominent enforcers, practitioners and academics.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

13h00-13h15 Registration and coffee

INTRODUCTION

13:15 – 13:45 **Conflicts of Interests – Overview of the Legal & Economic Framework**
Axel GAUTIER, Professor, University of Liege
Nicolas PETIT, Professor, University of Liege and Director of the GCLC, College of Europe
Norman NEYRINCK, Research Assistant, University of Liege; Lawyer, Liège Bar

SESSION I – CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN EU COMPETITION CASES

Chairman: **Melchior WATHELET**, Advocate-General, Court of Justice

13:45 - 14:05 **Conflicts of Interests & Ethical Rules before DG Competition**
Joost STRAGIER, Ethics Compliance Officer, Deputy Local Security Officer and Business

14:05 – 14:25 **Conflicts of Interests & Ethical Rules before the Legal Service**
Vittorio DI BUCCI, Director, Legal Service, EU Commission

14:25 – 14:45 **Conflicts of Interests & Ethical Rules before the Court of Justice**
Ludovic BERNARDEAU, Référendaire, Court of Justice of the EU

14:45 – 15:00 Q&A session

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

SESSION II – CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN NATIONAL COMPETITION LAW

Chairman:	Jacques STEENBERGEN , President, Belgian Competition Authority
15:30 – 15:50	Conflicts of Interests & Ethical Rules before the French Competition Authority Anne PERROT , Former Vice-President, Autorité française de la concurrence ; Partner, MAPP Consulting; Professor, University of Paris I
15:50 – 16:10	Conflicts of Interests & Ethical Rules in Spanish Business Law Jesus ALFARO , Professor, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid
16:10 – 16:30	Conflicts of Interests & Ethical Rules before the Belgian Competition Authority Joachim MARCHANDISE , Director of Legal Affairs, Belgian Competition Authority
16:30 – 16:45	Q&A session

SESSION III – OTHER PERSPECTIVES ON CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Chairman	James KANTER , The New York Times
16:45 – 16:05	Conflicts of Interest in US Antitrust Law – The Experience of the US Federal Trade Commission Speaker: US FTC
16:05 – 17:25	Conflicts of Interests in Arbitration Proceedings Olivier CAPRASSE , Professor, University of Liege (ULg); Of Counsel, Van den Bergh Hanotiau
17:25 – 17:45	The Perspective of the International Bar Association Speaker: IBA Representative / Joyce Tchoi
17:45 – 18:00	Q&A session & closing remarks

USEFUL INFORMATION

VENUE

Fondation Universitaire
Rue D'Egmont, 11
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INQUIRIES

Should you have any queries, please contact Mr. Norman NEYRINCK at norman.neyrinck@ulg.ac.be

INVOICING

An invoice will be sent to participants upon receipt of the registration form.



REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this registration form to Caroline Langevin by 10 April 2014 at the latest by email: ieje@ulg.ac.be or fax: +32 4 366.31.55 Thank you!

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Will attend to the Conference on the new Conflicts of Interests and Ethicals Rules in EU Competition law on February the 7th 2013 and send a payment of:

- Standard fee – 120 €
- Reduced fee 1 (officials, journalists and academics) – 50 €
- Reduced fee 2 (students) – Free

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