

Conflicts of Interest, Ethical Rules and Impartiality 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.

Impartiality, fairness and procedural safeguards issues that guarantee efficient enforcement will also be discussed.

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
Norman NEYRINCK, Research Assistant, University of Liege; Lawyer, Liège Bar

SESSION I – CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN EU COMPETITION CASES

Chairman: **Emily O'REILLY**, EU Ombudsman [TBC]

13:45 - 14:05 **Conflicts of Interests & Ethical Rules before DG Competition**
Benjamin DESURMONT, Compliance Officer, EU Commission

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**
Arnaud BOHLER, Head of the Private Office of the President, Court of Justice of the EU

14:45 – 15:15 Roundtable Discussion – Q&A session

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee break

SESSION II – OTHER PERSPECTIVES ON CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Chairman	James KANTER , The New York Times
15:45 – 16:05	Conflicts of Interests & Ethical Rules before the Belgian Competition Authority Joachim MARCHANDISE , Director of Legal Affairs, Belgian Competition Authority
16:05 – 16:25	A practitioner’s view on Conflicts and Impartiality Alec BURNSIDE , Partner, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP
16:25 – 16:45	The OECD perspective and toolkit to manage conflicts of interests Mona CHAMMAS , Competition Division, OECD
16:45 – 17:05	The Perspective of the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law Joyce CHOI , Vice Chair, Cartel & Criminal Practice Committee, ABA Section of Antitrust Law; Associate, Linklaters LLP
17:05 – 17:25	Conflicts of Interests in Arbitration Proceedings Olivier CAPRASSE , Professor, University of Liege (ULg); Of Counsel, Van den Bergh Hanotiau
17:25 – 18:00	Roundtable Discussion – Q&A session

REGISTRATION

Ticket type:

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

You may register online via our Eventbrite web account, accessible [here](#).

USEFUL INFORMATION

VENUE

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