

Conference on State Aid Control

Where Law and Economics Meet

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EXPERT PANEL

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- The Economics of State Aid – An Update
- Infrastructure: Ports, Airports & Networks
- Evaluation
- State Aid in Tax and International Treaties
- Market Economy Investors
- Theories of Harm in State Aid Control
- State Aid Control & International Competitiveness

STRUCTURE & PARTICIPANTS

OVERVIEW

As the interest in the economics of State aid is steadily increasing among academics, practitioners and public officials, we are pleased to bring these cross-disciplinary groups together during the second edition of our annual conference on State Aid Control: Where Law and Economics Meet.

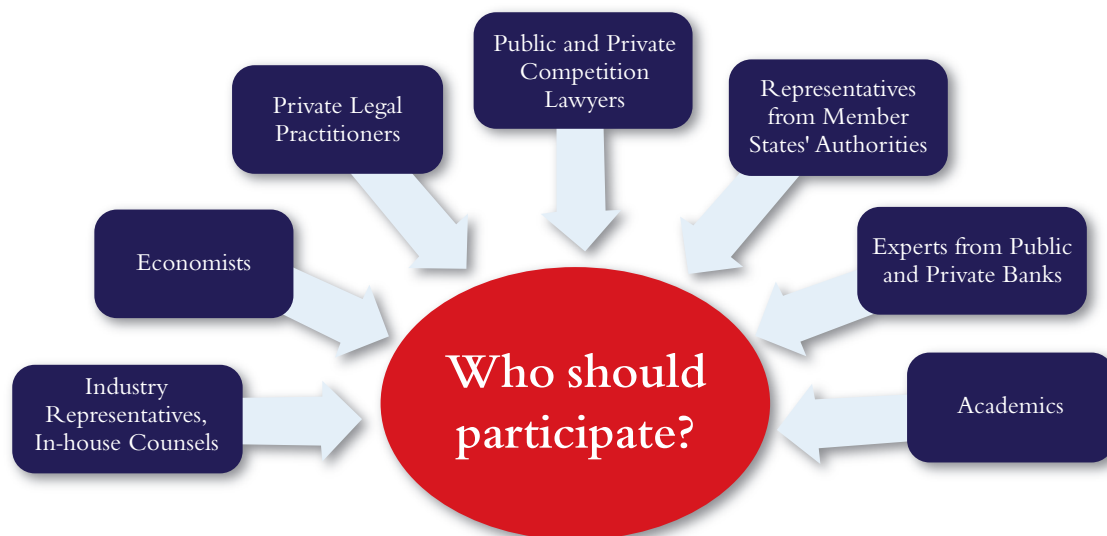
This event - organised in cooperation with Vrije Universiteit Brussel and E.CA Economics - combines theoretical, empirical as well as policy-oriented contributions on State aid from various areas of law and economics. This year we worked with a call for abstracts to set up the panels for the parallel sessions.

Interdisciplinary approaches were especially encouraged. The conference will be held in English.



PARTICIPANTS

The conference will bring together State aid experts and economists from European and national institutions, industry, legal practice and academia. As such, the conference is targeted to:



PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2016 | BRUSSELS

MORNING SESSION

8:30 Registration & Welcome Coffee

9:00 Welcoming Notes

Caroline PAUWELS

Rector of Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels

9:15 PLENARY SESSION I: The Economics of State Aid - An Update

Chair: Hans Friederiszik

Director, E. CA Economics, Berlin

▪ The Economics of State Aid: An Update

Penelope PAPANDROPOULOS

Chief Economist Team, DG Competition, Brussels

▪ State Aid and Ex-post evaluation

Otto TOIVANEN

Professor in the Department of Managerial Economics, Strategy and Innovation at KU Leuven, Belgium

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS 1 AND 2

PARALLEL SESSION 1: Infrastructure

Chair: José Buendía SIERRA

Partner at Garrigues, Brussels & Managing Editor EStAL

▪ State aid to airports

Bernhard VON WENDLAND

Case handler, DG COMP – Directorate-General for Competition, European Commission, Brussels

▪ Applying the principle of technological neutrality to State aid for network infrastructures

Ana TRIÁS

Master in European Studies, LL.M., Ph.D. Researcher at the Tilburg Law and Economics Center (TILEC), Tilburg

▪ Port investment projects and State aid with special regard to the Hungarian ports

Gábor POTVORSZKI

State aid Monitoring Office, Prime Minister's Office, Budapest

PARALLEL SESSION 2: Evaluation

Chair: Caroline BUTS

Professor at Vrije Universiteit Brussel & Managing Editor EStAL

▪ Re-privatisation and investments by state owned enterprises: EU State Aid considerations

Márton HORÁNYI

Attorney at EY Law, Budapest

▪ Financial constraints: State aid to the rescue? Evidence from Belgian firm level data

Iona SERGANT

Department of Economics, KU Leuven, Leuven

▪ Evaluating restructuring aid: a case study approach

Jean-François ROMAINVILLE

Researcher, IDEA Consult, Brussels

12:45 Lunch



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AFTERNOON SESSION

14:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS 3 AND 4

PARALLEL SESSION 3:

State Aid in Tax and International Treaties

Chair: Max LIENEMEYER

Head of Task Force, State aid: General Scrutiny and Enforcement, DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels

- **Are State aid rules undermined by the use of international rules?**
Maria SEGURA
Partner at Clayton & Segura, Brussels
- **Anti-avoidance measures and State aid in a post-BEPS context: an attempt at reconciliation**
Edoardo TRAVERSA
Professor at Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL), Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
- **Fiscal State aid: are there different standards to determine the arm's length price between related companies?**
Klaus VON BROCKE
Partner at EY Munich, Munich

PARALLEL SESSION 4:

Market Economy Investors

Chair: Salim MEDGHOUL

Deputy Head of Unit State Aid Policy and Case support, DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels

- **The applicability and application of the MEIP: lessons learnt from the financial crisis**
Malgorzata Agnieszka CYNDECKA
Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Bergen
- **The private purchaser test from the perspective of agency theory**
Tim BRUYNINCKX
European University Institute (EUI), Florence
- **SGEI in Croatia: The legal framework for the economic necessity**
Marijana LISZT
Attorney at Law, Posavec, Rašica & Liszt, Zagreb
Vlatka Butorac MALNAR
Ph.D, Assistant professor Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka, Croatia

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 PLENARY SESSION II: State Aid Control – Theories of Harm & International Competitiveness

Chair: Otto Toivanen

- **Theories of Harm in State Aid Control**
Vincent VEROUDEN
Director at the Brussels office of E.C.A Economics, Brussels
- **State Aid Control & International Competitiveness**
Roman Stöllinger
PhD, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw), Vienna

17:30 Closing words

Caroline Buts

Professor at Vrije Universiteit Brussel & Managing Editor EStAL

17:45 Cocktail





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