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# The Conference on Economics of State Aid Control Where Law and Economics Meet

5 October 2018 | Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
Brussels | Belgium

## EXPERT PANEL (among others)

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Professor at Vrije Universiteit Brussel & Managing Editor EStAL

### Andrea Biondi

Reader in Law and Co-Director of the Centre of European Law and Chair of European Union Law at King's College, London; Visiting Professor at Georgetown University

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### Malgorzata Agnieszka Cyndecka

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## TOPICS

- The Economics of State Aid - An Update
- Brexit, the EEA Agreement and the State Aid Rules
- Public Tenders and Advantages
- MEOP and the Implications of Previous Aid
- A Selection of Special Sectors and Issues
- Ex-post monitoring and evaluation
- A Selection of (Potentially Selective) Taxes

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# General information

## 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 "State Aid Control: Where Law and Economics Meet"**.

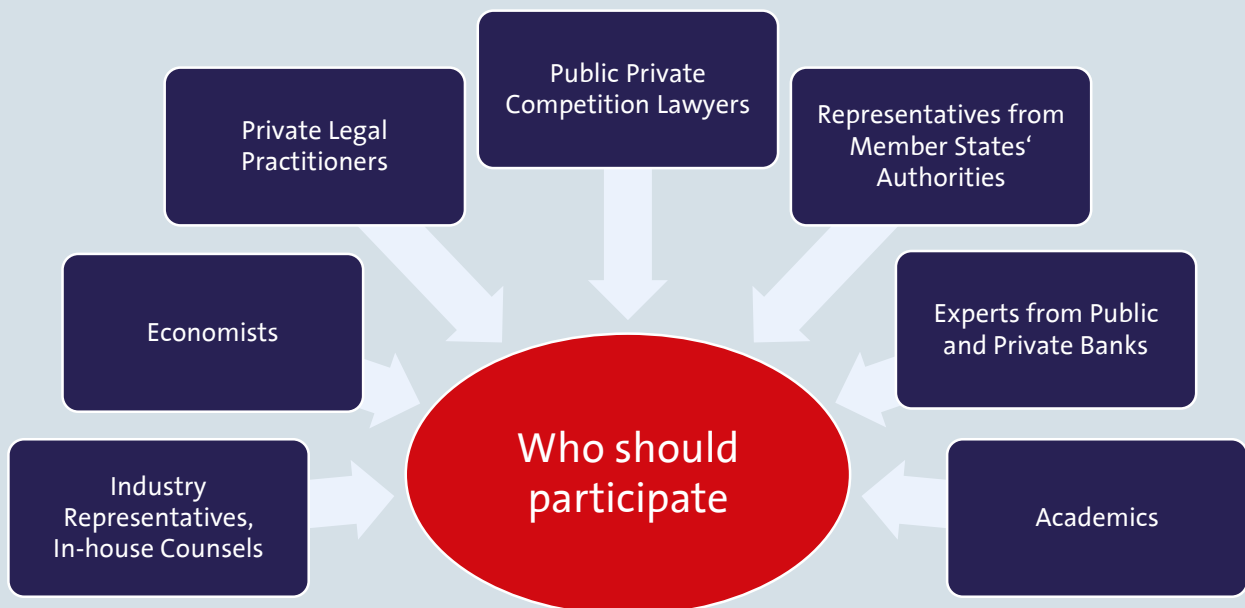
This event - organised in cooperation with Vrije Universiteit Brussel and E.CA Economics - combines **theoretical, empirical** as well as **policy-oriented contributions** on State aid from various areas of law and economics. This year we worked with a call for abstracts to set up the panels for the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



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## Programme\*

08:30 Registration & Welcome Coffee  
09:00 Welcoming Notes by *Caroline Pauwels (invited) and Andreas Bartosch*

09:15 Keynote speech: **The Economics of State Aid - An Update**  
*Chair: Caroline Buts & Gert-Jan Koopman*

10:00 **Brexit, the EEA Agreement and the State Aid Rules**  
*Chair: Vincent Verouden*  
*Speakers: Maria J. Segura Catalán & Andrea Biondi*

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Public Tenders and Advantages**  
*Chair: Ben Van Rompuy*

- **Tender Procedures and the Notion of Advantage**  
*Cees Dekker, Nysingh*
- **What is the Framework for Assessment of Advantage when Contracting Authorities award Public Contracts?**  
*Cecilie Fanøe Petersen*

12:00 **MEOP and the Implications of Previous Aid**  
*Chair: Dr. Malgorzata Agnieszka Cyndecka*  
*Speakers: Jan Bonhage´ & Phedon Nicolaidis*

12:45 Lunch break

14:00 **A Selection of Special Sectors and Issues**  
*Chair: Andreas Bartosch*

- **Does the Financing Mechanism determine whether a General Transport Infrastructure is an Economic Activity**  
*Rass Holdgaard, Rasmus Grønved Nielsen and Grith Skovgaard Ølykke*
- **Applying for operating aid under the aviation guidelines 2014-2020**  
*Kristina Schattat and Natalia Budzynska*
- **Excusing State intervention in Energy: Recent developments in Capacity Remuneration Mechanisms**  
*Nevin Alija*
- **Recovery and the elimination of the distortion of competition**  
*Pernille Wegener Jessen*

15:15 **Ex-post monitoring and evaluation**  
*Chair: Caroline Buts*

- **Ex-post monitoring**  
*Maria Muñoz (tbc)*
- **Ex-post evaluation**  
*Nicole Robins*

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 **A Selection of (Potentially Selective) Taxes**  
*Chair: Jose Luis Buendia*

- **Zero VAT for Electronic News Services?**  
*Malgorzata Agnieszka Cyndecka & Timothy Wyndham*
- **Special Levies and State Aid: Different Tests for Negative Incentives?**  
*Bjørnar Alterskjær & Clemens Kerle*
- **The Interplay Between State Aid and Internal Market Rules: the Assessment of Sugar Taxes under Articles 107 and 110 TFEU?**  
*Maarten Aalbers & Ben Van Rompuy*
- **State Aid and Tax Rulings in the European Union: First Attempts to Assess the Outcomes of Multilevel Regulation**  
*Alessandro Morini*

17:45 Closing the day

18:00 Drinks

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### Venue

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1050 Brussels  
www.u-residence.be

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- YES, I would like to participate for the regular fee of **EUR 720.00** (excl. VAT).
- YES, I am European State Aid Law Quarterly (EStAL) -subscriber (10% discount if applicable).

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### State Aid for Transport Services and Infrastructure | 18-19 September 2018 | Brussels

On all levels of public administration concerned with the transport investment and funding of public transportation these questions arise: Is State aid involved? Is the compatibility of the public measures with European law ensured? Avoiding unlawful State aid is crucial for the successful and sustainable provision of transport services to all European citizens.