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HALF-DAY CONFERENCE

CAPACITY MECHANISMS IN EUROPE:
THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES BEHIND THE ONGOING
SECTOR INQUIRY

On 29th April, the European Commission launched its first sector inquiry under State aid rules. Its aim is to ascertain the need and potential competition distortion of "capacity mechanisms" to ensure sufficient electricity supply.

The second energy conference organised by the Centre of European Law of the King’s College Dickson Poon School of law and the College of Europe of Bruges through its research centre in Competition Law (the Global Competition Law Center) is held in cooperation with the Directorate General for Competition of the European Commission. Its aim is to discuss the main issues being raised by the ongoing sector inquiry.

Programme
13:00 - 14:00: Registration and light lunch
14.00: Welcome and presentation of the Conference
   Elisabetta Righini, Visiting Professor, King’s College
14.10: Keynote speech
   Margrethe Vestager, European Commissioner for Competition

14.40: Session 1
Which market design is more appropriate for Europe: energy only market or a given form of capacity mechanism?
Chairman: Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Director DG Energy, European Commission
Speakers: Jamie Carstairs, Linnfall Consulting, Edinburgh
         Carlos Batlle, Comillas Pontifical University IIT, Madrid
Mike Hogan, Senior Adviser, The Regulatory Assistance Project, London
Fabien Roques, Partner CompassLexecon, Paris

Q&A

16.10: Coffee break

16.20: Session 2
If a capacity mechanism, which design is most appropriate?

Chairman: Massimo Merola, President GCLC

Speakers: Rickard Nilsson, Project manager, Nord Pool Spot
Robin Cohen, CRA Vice-President, London
Thomas Veyrenc, RTE Director, Markets department, Paris
Dan Monzani, Head of Security of electricity supply team, DECC, London
Andrea Villa, Senior Analyst in Energy & Regulatory Affairs, Enel S.p.A, Rome

Q & A
18.00: End of Conference