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IN EUROPEAN STATE AID LAW
2007

Two years into
the State Aid Action Plan –
where do we stand?

MONDAY, 21 MAY 2007
AND
TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2007

CONCERT NOBLE, BRUSSELS

MONDAY, 21 MAY 2007

9.00 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 10.15 **Welcome**
Wolfgang ANDREAE,
European State Aid Law Institute, Berlin

Introduction
Andreas BARTOSCH,
*European State Aid Law Institute, Brussels,
Haver & Mailänder, Brussels*

10.15 – 10.30 **Keynote address**
**“Two years into the State Aid Action Plan
– where do we stand?”**
Neelie KROES,
*Commissioner for Competition,
European Commission, Brussels*

10.30 – 11.00 Questions and Answers

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.15 **Session 1: The latest legislative
developments**
Chair: Andreas BARTOSCH

“The first draft of the super BER”
Harold NYSENS,
DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels

**“The reform of the environmental
aid guidelines – a first analysis”**
Jorma PIHLATIE,
*Head of Unit, DG Competition,
European Commission, Brussels*

Comments
Christopher BOVIS,
University of Central Lancashire, Preston

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 – 16.15 **Session 2: State aid procedure
and standing before the Community
Courts**
Chair: Rose D’SA,
*Member of the European Economic and
Social Committee, Brussels*

“The Community Courts’ jurisprudence on State aid procedures in the light of possible reform developments”

Josef AZIZI,

Judge, European Court of First Instance, Luxembourg

“Standing before the Community Courts”

José Luis BUENDIA SIERRA,

Garrigues, Brussels

Comments

Vittorio DI BUCCI,

Legal Service, European Commission, Brussels

Piet Jan SLOT,

University of Leiden, Leiden

16.15 –16.45 Coffee break

16.45 – 18.45 Session 3: The concept of an aid in liberalised sectors

Chair: Christian KOENIG,

Centre of European Integration Studies,

University of Bonn

“The jurisprudence of the Community Courts – an overview”

Thomas VON DANWITZ,

Judge, European Court of Justice, Luxembourg

Comments

Jacques DERENNE,

Lovells, Brussels

Hans W. FRIEDERISZICK,

European School of Management and Technology,

Berlin

Michael HONORÉ,

Bech-Bruun Dragsted, Copenhagen

19.00 Dinner in the “Salon de Jeux” (*optional*)

TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2007

9.30 – 10.30 Balancing substance and procedure in State aid practice – an update on the developments in EC case law

Arjen MEIJ,

Judge, European Court of First Instance, Luxembourg

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

**11.00 – 13.00 Session 4: National authorities’
roundtable**

Chair: Peter SCHÜTTERLE,
Haver & Mailänder, Brussels

Christos ANDREOU,
Public Aid Commissioner, Nicosia

Graham BRANTON,
*Director State aid, Department of Trade and
Industry, London*

Bernd KLOKE,
*Head of Unit, State aid, German Ministry of
Economics, Berlin*

Preben PETTERSSON,
*Head of Unit, State aid Division,
Danish Competition Authority, Copenhagen*

Plamen VASSILEV,
*Director, State aid Department,
Ministry of Finance, Sofia*

13.00 – 13.30 Concluding remarks

Lowri EVANS,
*Deputy Director General responsible for State aid,
DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels*

13.30 Lunch

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Apart from the Member of the European Commission in charge of Competition Policy and various senior representatives from the Community Courts in Luxembourg, a decent number of further experts in the field of State Aid law will contribute to the success of this conference. The high quality of presentations as well as the analyses provided by our active participants guarantee a professional update on the most important issues.

Furthermore, the prestigious Concert Noble located in the heart of Brussels serves as an excellent venue to get in touch with the decision makers of tomorrow's State Aid law. In total, we expect to welcome delegates from most of the European Union's 27 Member States and beyond.

Due to the extremely positive response to the Annual Experts' Fora in the past, the European State Aid Law Institute has started to organise additional international conferences, as 2005 in Warsaw and 2006 in collaboration with the King's College in London. The fall conference of 2007 is currently planned to take place in Berlin in October.

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21 AND 22 MAY 2007

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