

Economic arguments and evidence play an increasingly central role in competition policy in Europe. CRA's conference programme focuses on key developments in the use of economics and economic tools. Distinguished speakers – economists, senior regulators and lawyers – will debate several important topics, including:

- Competition policy in troubled times – what priorities for agencies?
- The new Article 82 guidelines
- Dominant firm conduct; Evolving rules on vertical restraints; Update on cartels
- US antitrust – what lies ahead?
- Economic assessment in competition enforcement: developments in France and Germany
- Developments in merger analysis

Who should attend and why?

Who: Lawyers, regulators and other specialists working in competition and antitrust law.

Why: To hear senior regulators, economists and lawyers explore the role of economics in legal and regulatory proceedings; to expand your understanding of the role of economics in competition policy; and to exchange your thoughts and experiences with conference speakers and other competition practitioners.

General information

Date: Wednesday, 3 December 2008
Time: 8am – 5pm
Venue: Conrad Hotel
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Registration: There is no registration fee for this conference. To register, please e-mail your details to vgoddard@crai.com by Wednesday 26 November.

Language: All conference sessions and materials will be in English.

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About CRA

CRA's European Competition Practice specialises in providing economic advice to businesses on matters of competition policy and regulatory affairs. Our experts and academic associates have been involved in the major competition cases of recent years, further bolstering CRA's established track record as expert advisers in merger control, restrictive agreements, abuse of dominance, damages estimation and state aid. CRA provides clients with sophisticated analyses of complex economic issues and assists legal advisers in the formulation of economic arguments. We produce clear and reliable expert reports and appear on behalf of our clients as expert witnesses in hearings and other proceedings. CRA has over 700 professional staff in over 20 offices worldwide. In 2005, CRA acquired the firm of economists formerly known as Lexecon Ltd, a leading provider of competition economics in Europe.

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8.00–8.45 Registration

8.45–9.00 Introduction and welcome

9.00–9.30 **Keynote: A European competition policy for all weathers**

Philip Lowe

Director General, DG Competition

9.30–10.30 **Hot Topics Part I: Competition policy in troubled times – what priorities for agencies?**

Chair: Alan Overd

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John Fingleton

Chief Executive, Office of Fair Trading

Discussants:

Xavier Vives

IESE, Barcelona

John Van Reenen

London School of Economics

10.30–10.50 Coffee break

10.50–11.20 **The new Article 82 guidelines**

Damien Neven

Chief Economist, DG Competition

11.20–1.00 **Hot Topics Part II:**

- Dominant firm conduct
- Evolving rules on vertical restraints
- Update on cartels

Chair: Cristina Caffarra

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Massimo Motta

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Margaret Slade

University of British Columbia

Comments: Damien Neven

Chief Economist, DG Competition

1.00–2.00 Lunch

Conference Programme

2.00–2.30 **Keynote: US antitrust – what lies ahead?**

Bill Kovacic

Chairman, Federal Trade Commission

2.30–3.30 **Economic assessment in competition enforcement: developments in France and Germany**

Chair: Laurent Flochel

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Bruno Lasserre

President, Conseil de la concurrence

Bernhard Heitzer

President, Bundeskartellamt

3.30–3.45 Coffee break

3.45–5.00 **Developments in merger analysis**

Chair: Matthias Pflanz

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Johannes Lübking

Head of Unit – Mergers, DG Competition

Christian Ewald

Head of Economics Unit, Bundeskartellamt

Bill Kovacic

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Amelia Fletcher

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5.00 Close of conference



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