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HELLENIC COMPETITION COMMISSION



Conference

**“THE ECONOMICS OF EU COMPETITION LAW.
APPROACHES AND CHALLENGES OF ENFORCEMENT IN
GREECE, BULGARIA AND CYPRUS”**

Athens, February 28, 2018

**The Conference will take place at the Divani Palace Acropolis,
Parthenonos 19-25, Athens**



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PROGRAMME

13:00: Registration of participants and buffet lunch

Conference Opening

13:30 – 14:30

- Welcome address by Prof. Spyridon Flogaitis, Director of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO)
- Prof. Panayotis Glavinis, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Scientific Coordinator of the Project: “The Objectives of the Conference”
- Keynote speech by Prof. Aristeidis Hatzis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens: “Why Open Competitive Markets Are So Essential for Growth - and What Law Can Do About It”
- Mr. Ioannis Symplis, Counselor of State on behalf of the Association of European Competition Law Judges (AECLJ): “Competition Law: A “policy at war with itself” or an “institutionelle Garantie der sozialen Marktwirtschaft”?”

Round Table 1:

The Approach of the Competition Authorities in Applying Economic Principles in Competition Law Cases

14:30 – 16:30

Chairman: Mr. Dimitrios Kyritsakis, President of the Hellenic Competition Commission

Representatives of the National Competition Authorities from Greece, Bulgaria and Cyprus present and discuss the priorities of their authorities, the use of economic analysis in their decisions, their approach towards judicial review, and the trends in competition enforcement in each respective Member State.

- Ms. Kelly Benetatou, Chairwoman of the First Directorate of Economic Documentation, Hellenic Competition Commission
- Mr. Krassimir Zafirov, Member of the Competition Board, Commission on the Protection of Competition of Bulgaria
- Ms. Christiana Sideri, Director, Commission for the Protection of Competition of Cyprus

Discussion facilitated by Prof. Ioannis Kokkoris, Professor at the Queen Mary University of London and Scientific Coordinator of the Project.

16:30: Coffee break



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Round Table 2:
The Approach of the Judiciary in Applying Economic Principles in Competition Law Cases
17:00 - 19:00

Chairman: Ms. Irene Mary Sharpe, Vice President, Hellenic Council of State

Judges from Greece, Bulgaria and Cyprus present and discuss their approach to procedural and substantive issues in the judicial review of National Competition Authority decisions, their approach and persuasiveness of economic analysis, and trends in competition enforcement.

- Mr. Nikolaos Sekeroglou, Associate Councilor, Hellenic Council of State
- Ms. Marinika Kuneva Cherneva, Vice-President, Supreme Administrative Court of Bulgaria
- Ms. Agni Efstathiou-Nikoletopoulou, Judge, Administrative Court of Cyprus

Discussion facilitated by Prof. Alexandra Mikroulea, Faculty of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Conclusions by Prof. Panayotis Glavinis, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Scientific Coordinator of the Project

*Simultaneous interpretation from Bulgarian to Greek and vice versa will be provided