

COMPETITION CONFERENCE

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11th - 12th December 2014
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8:30 - 9:00	Check In
9:15 - 9:30	Welcoming Remarks Theodor Thanner (Director General, Austrian NCA)
9:30-10:00	Keynote speech Hassan Qaqaya (UNCTAD; Head of Competition law and Consumer Policies Branch Division on International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities)
10:00-13:00 + break	Panel I: Best Practices in Inspections and ex officio investigations Moderator: Hassan Qaqaya (UNCTAD) Speakers Pim Smits (Dutch NCA) Balázs Csépai (Hungarian NCA) Eksteen Maritz (Irish NCA) Peter Alstergren (Swedish NCA) Barbara Seelos (Austrian NCA)
13:00-14:30	Lunch Time
14:30-16:45 + Coffee break	Panel II: Settlements: as an investigation tool? Interlink with leniency? Moderator: Natalie Harsdorf (Austrian NCA) Speakers Michal Petr (Czech NCA) Pierre-Yves Guay (Canadian NCA) Christof Vollmer (German NCA) Louise Baner (British NCA) Marisa Tierno-Centella (European Commission)
16:45-17:00	Pierre Horna (officer in charge - UNCTAD) COMPAL GLOBAL: The new umbrella work programme of UNCTAD work in the field of Competition and Consumer Policies
17:00 - 17:15	Nurlan Aldabergenov (Minister in charge of Competition and Antitrust Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission)
17:15-17:30	Closing Words Theodor Thanner (Director General of the Austrian NCA)
19:30	Welcoming Dinner

12th December 2014

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8:30 - 9:00	Check In
9:15- 9:30	Welcoming Remarks Theodor Thanner (Director General, Austrian NCA)
9:30- 10:00	Keynote speech Alexander Italianer (Director General for Competition of the European Commission)
10:00- 12:30 + break	Panel III: Independence and institutional design of national competition authorities in the European context Moderator: Karl Jurka (Strategic political advisor) Speakers Alexander Italianer (Director General for Competition, EC) António Gomes (President, Portugese NCA) Eduardo Prieto Kessler (Competition Director, Spanish NCA) Sabine Ziegelski (OECD) Jacques Steenbergen (President, Belgian NCA)
12:30- 14:00	Lunch Time
14:00- 16:30 + Coffee break	Panel IV: Investigative and decision making powers vs. due process and defence rights Moderator: Meinhard Novak (Lawyer) Speakers Koen Lenaerts (Vice-President, Court of Justice) Bruno Lasserre (President, French NCA) Eksteen Maritz (Irish NCA) Francisco Marcos (IE law school) Astrid Ablasser-Neuhuber (Lawyer, competition law expert)
16:30- 16:45	Johann Sollgruber (Head a.i. of the Representation of the European Commission in Austria)
16:45- 17:00	Closing Words Theodor Thanner (Director General, Austrian NCA)