



Invitation: Recent merger control developments in Europe and their implications for the future of antitrust - 7 May 2019

The Centre for Antitrust and Regulatory Studies (CARs) and CMS are pleased to invite you to attend a conference entitled **"Recent merger control developments in Europe and their implications for the future of antitrust"**. The event will take place on **7 May 2019** between **10.00** and **15:00** at the **University of Warsaw, Faculty of Management**.

During the meeting, officials from the Directorate General for Competition of the European Commission, lawyers, academics and representatives of the business community will discuss hot topics in merger control.

Agenda

09:30 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 - 10:40 Recent trends and developments in EU merger control – the view from the Commission

Birthe Panhans, Deputy Head of the Merger Policy Unit

10:40 - 12:20 Objections and prohibition decisions – blocking deals on competition concerns

- Competition concerns of EU competition authorities - what comes next? Is the statement of objections a quasi-prohibition in legal terms?
- The role of economic concerns in justifying prohibitions in view of latest cases on the EU and national levels
- The return of the public interest debate in the Alstom/Siemens case - does the EU need to re-think merger control rules to allow creating "European champions"? What would be the implications for national enforcement?

Panelists: Birthe Panhans, DG Comp; Patrycja Gołos, UPC; Aleksandra Boutin, Positive Competition; Małgorzata Urbańska, CMS; Adam Jasser, CARs (moderator)

12:20 - 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 - 14:00 Gun jumping – practical challenges following Altice

- Gun jumping on the radar in Europe and across the globe as seen in recent cases - Altice/PT Portugal, EY/ KPMG.
- Practical challenges for M&A transactions - how far can the purchaser go to secure his investment? The deal makers perspective.

Panelists: Bernadetta Kasztelan-Świetlik, Gessel; Mateusz Błachucki, the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection; Małgorzata Modzelewska de Raad, Modzelewska i Paśnik; Maciej Bernatt, CARs (moderator)

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch

Individual presentations in each panel will be followed by a general discussion with the audience.

Date

7 May 2019
10:00 - 15:00
(registration starting from 09:30)

Venue

Warsaw University, Faculty of Management, 3 Szturmowa Str., 1st floor, room B-106

Registration

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Additional information

- participation is free of charge
- the conference will be conducted in English
- limited number of participants
- registration on first-come-first basis

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