

5th International Competition Conference

Friday, 17 February 2012
Conrad Hotel, Brussels

NOAB, the Dutch speaking section of the Brussels Bar, is proud to present the fifth edition of the International Competition Conference.

This year's conference will be held on 17 February 2012 and once again brings together an exceptional group of speakers and panelists.

The Organizing committee of the conference is chaired by President D. Van Gerven and further consists of Messrs. H. Gilliams (secretary), D. Arts, P. Camesasca, F. Depoortere, T. Franchoo, K. Haegeman, T. Janssens, P. L'Ecluse, G. Pauwels, K. Platteau, F. Tuytschaever, A. Vandereist, D. Vandermeersch, Y. Van Gerven, T. Verstraeten, and P. Wytinck



PROGRAMME

MORNING SESSION: Public and private enforcement of competition law

09:00 - 09:15 AM Welcome and introduction > **D. Van Gerven**, President of the Brussels Bar, Dutch speaking section, **J. Steenbergen**, Director General of the Belgian Competition Authority, Conference Chairperson

09:15 - 09:45 AM Keynote address – Public and private enforcement of competition law > **A. Italianer**, Director General, European Commission - DG Competition

09:45 - 10:45 AM Competition compliance within the company > **A. Tubbs** (European Competition Counsel, Unilever) and **A. Nikpay** (Senior Director, OFT); Moderator: **J. Steenbergen**

10:45 - 11:00 AM Coffee/tea break

11:00 - 11:45 AM Access to documents: the focal point of tension between public and private enforcement > **Judge M. van der Woude**, General Court of the European Union

11:45 - 12:45 AM Panel debate: Follow-on damage claims and collective redress > **PANEL** Chairman: **S. Raes** (President of the Belgian Competition Council), Panelists: **F. Lefèvre** (Partner, Linklaters) – **T. Schreiber** (Cartel damage Claims) and **E. De Smijter** (European Commission, DG Competition)

12:45 - 2:15 PM Lunch break

AFTERNOON SESSION: Current enforcement issues

2:15 - 3:15 PM WORKSHOP I: Exchange of information > **Panel Chairman: P. Wytinck** (Partner, Stibbe), Panelists: **P. Van Cayseele** (University of Leuven), **M. van Oers** (NMa – Dutch Competition Authority) and **M. Vermaerke** (CEO, Febelfin)

2:15 - 3:15 PM WORKSHOP II: Managing competition risk > **Panel Chairman: F. Depoortere** (Partner, Skadden Arps) Panelists: **A. Nikpay** (Senior Director, OFT), **P. Baeten** (General Counsel Electrabel), **G. Pauwels** (Senior Counsel, KBC) and **S. Mechnig-Giordano**, (Head of Compliance, Nestlé)

3:15 - 3:45 PM Coffee/tea break

3:45 - 4:45 PM WORKSHOP III: Belgian competition law > **Panel Chairman: D. Van Liedekerke** (Partner, Olswang) Panelists: **L. Parret** (Member of the Belgian Competition Council), **B. Stulens** (College of Competition Prosecutors, Belgian Competition Council) and **P. Blondeel** (Chamber President at the Brussels Court of Appeal)

3:45 - 4:45 PM WORKSHOP IV: Competition and e-commerce > **Panel Chairman: P. L'Ecluse** (Partner, Van Bael & Bellis) Panelists: **L. Peeperkorn** (European Commission, DG Competition), **T. Louko** (Competition Counsel, Google), **F. Mecozzi** (Managing Counsel Commercial Europe Legal, Nike Europe) and **S. van Es** (Competition Counsel, Philips)

4:45 PM Cocktail offered by the Brussels Bar

Venue: Conrad Hotel, Louizalaan 71 at 1000 Brussels
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Registration fee: €200 (includes lunch, conference documentation, coffee/tea breaks and a post-conference reception); a reduced rate of EUR 150 is available for fulltime academics, students and government officials. Please note that we will not accept cancellations. The conference fee is payable in full by wire transfer, no later than February 12, 2012, on account number 630-0222008-34 – IBAN-number: BE 68 6300 2220 0834 – SWIFT-code: BBRUBEBB

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Further information: May be obtained by contacting www.baliebrussel.be

The conference proceedings will be conducted entirely in English (there will be no interpretation into other languages).

REGISTRATION FORM

to be returned no later than **February 12, 2012** to:
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