

COMPETITION LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE

MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES: CHALLENGES

AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

Programme

1st and 2nd December, 2011

1st December

13.00- **Registration & Coffee**
13.40

Opening remarks

13.40 – **DG Theodor Thanner, Federal Austrian Competition Authority**
13.50 **Welcome /Introduction**

13.50 – **Topic I: "The role of competition law and policy in economic development - the perspective of North African and Arab countries: Heads of competition agencies to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing them"**
15.30

Speech to open the debate: **Hassan Qaqaya, UNCTAD**

15.30- **Coffee**
16.00

16.00- **Topic II: "Relationship between the EU and the Mediterranean countries: Towards a closer Cooperation?"**
17.30

Speech to open the debate: **Juan Riviere, European Commission, Brussels**

17.30-
19.00 **Topic III: "NCAs and other State Actors: Understanding and Misunderstandings of Competition Law"**

Speech to open the debate: **Marco Botta, PhD (EUI), Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna**

19.00- **Transfer from the Conference Location to the Evening Location**

19.15

19.30 **Start Evening Programme at the "Augustinerkeller", Augustinerstrasse 1, 1010 Wien**

Invitation by the Mayor of Vienna and the Federal Competition Authority

2nd December

08.45-
10.15 **Topic IV: "Fighting Cartels and Abuse of Dominance- Enforcement Challenges faced by the NCAs"**

Speech to open the debate: **President Prof. Nurettin Kaldırımçı, Turkish Competition Authority**

10.15- **Coffee**

10.30

Topic V: The Importance of Competition Law and Policy for Investors: Impact on Key Sectors

10.30-

11:50

Speech to open the debate: **John Davies, OECD, Paris**

11.50- **Speech EU Commissioner: Dr. Johannes Hahn**

12.10

12.10- **Lunch**

13.00

Topic VI: "Merger control: challenges and opportunities"

13.00-
14.15 Speech to open the debate: **Professor Dr. Maher Dabbah, PhD, Queen Mary University, London**

Topic VII: "State Aid Control- the way forward in the Mediterranean

14.15-



15.30

countries"

Panel: **Professor Giorgio Monti, EUI, Florence and Dr. Roland Schachl, Head of State Aid Department, Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth, Vienna**