

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**



## ***POSSIBILITIES AND LIMITS OF COMPETITION LAW: GLOBAL TRENDS, REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE***

**Jean Monnet South and East European Competition Law Center of Excellence**

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**Croatian Association for Competition Law and Policy**

**Osijek, Croatia**

**3 - 5 October 2024**

With the widespread adoption of competition laws around the globe, new challenges arise when competition law is transplanted in countries with varying degrees of economic development. Despite the fact that significant efforts have been made on EU level and globally to ensure that jurisdictions adopt common principles and tools for the analysis of anti competitive conduct and mergers, still, competition law is not a one-size-fits-all set of rules and can vary significantly across different regions around the world. In that sense, avoiding in consistent competition law enforcement and ensuring harmonized decision making approach is a one of key challenges and a key goal for current and future competition law enforcement.

In this sense, the purpose of this Conference is to explore new legislative initiatives, harmonization efforts and main challenges to effective competition law enforcement in South and East European Countries (and broader).

Furthermore, looking ahead, the purpose of this Conference is also to address how evolving global trends, such as digital technologies, sustainable development goals and other contemporary issues shape the future of competition in different regions.

Conference intends to gather legal researchers, policy makers, professionals, practitioners and other stakeholders from EU, SEE Countries and around the world to explore the new trends and developments in competition law from global and regional perspective.



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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



Thursday, 3 October 2024

Venue: Rectorate Building (Tvrđa), Trg Sv. Trojstva 3, Osijek

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15,00 - 15,30	Registration
15,30 - 16,00	Conference Opening and Presentation of Jean Monnet SEE Competition Law Centre of Excellence Project
16,00 - 16,30	<b>Keynote Address (Topic TBD)</b> <i>Speaker: Vesna Tomljenović (Judge at the General Court of the EU)</i> <b>The Scope of Appeal Against Cartel Settlement Decision: What is Settled and What Can be Challenged?</b> <i>Moderator: Dubravka Akšamović</i>
16,30 - 17,45	<b>Roundtable Discussion: Procedural Fairness through the Lens of Competition Authority, Courts and Practitioners</b> <i>Speakers: Vesna Tomljenović (TBC), Mirta Kapural, Andrej Matvoz, Čedomir Radojčić, Mislav Bradvica, Emiliano Marchisio</i> <i>Moderator: Siniša Petrović</i>
17,45 - 18,00	Discussion & Conclusions
18,00	<i>Osijek Guided Tour in Tvrđa (optional)</i>
19,30	<i>Welcome Dinner (optional)</i> <i>Venue: Restaurant &amp; Bar "PROJEKT 9", Gornjodravoska obala bb, Osijek</i>



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Friday, 4 October 2024

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09,00 - 09,30	<b>Registration</b>
09,30 - 13,00	<b>PANEL 1</b> <b>NEW TRENDS IN COMPETITION LAW: LOCAL AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE</b> <i>Moderator: Dubravka Akšamović</i>
09,30 - 10,00	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>New trends in EU Competition Law: Focus on Digital Markets Act</b> <i>Speaker: Mislav Mataija, EU Commission</i>
10,00 - 11,20	<b>SUBTOPIC: Comparative Overview on Selected Competition Law Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Competition Law Systems in the Western Balkans: Comparative Analysis</b> <i>Jasminka Pecotic Kaufman (European University Institute/University of Zagreb)</i> <i>Gentjan Skara (Bedër University College, Tirana)</i> <i>Alexandr Svetlicinii (University of Macau)</i></li><li><b>Rules and Cases on Prosecution of Cartels in Georgia</b> <i>Solomon Menabdishvili (Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia)</i></li><li><b>Mapping the Gulf States Within the Global Competition Law Framework</b> <i>Nora Memeti (Kuwait International Law School, Kuwait)</i></li><li><b>Competition Law in Tajikistan: Achievement and Challenges</b> <i>Saidqosim Mukhtorov (Institut of Economy and Trade, Tajikistan)</i></li></ul>



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11,20 - 11,30	Questions and Discuss
11,30 - 11,40	Coffee Break
11,40 - 13,00	<b>PANEL 1</b> <b>NEW TRENDS IN COMPETITION LAW: LOCAL AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE</b> <i>Moderator: Jasminka Pecotić Kaufman / Alexandr Svetlicinii</i>
	<b>SUBTOPIC: Bid-rigging and Collusion</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Consortia Bidding in the SEE Region: When Does Cooperation Become Collusion?</b> <i>Nikola Ilić (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law, Serbia)</i></li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Certain Aspects of Bid Rigging in Bosnia and Herzegovina</b> <i>Kanita Imamović-Čizmić (University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Law)</i> <i>Amina Nikolajev (University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Law, Bosnia and Herzegovina)</i></li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Public and Private Enforcement of Bid Rigging Cartels in EU: Recent Developments</b> <i>Dubravka Akšamović (Faculty of Law, Osijek, Croatia)</i> <i>Vlatka Butorac Malnar (Faculty of Law Rijeka, Croatia)</i> <i>Iva Kuna (Croatia)</i></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Tackling Algorithmic Collusion: Overview</b> <i>Mislav Bradvica (BMWC Law Firm, Croatia)</i> <i>Dea Krstulović (BMWC Law Firm, Croatia)</i> <i>Stjepan Gvozdić (BMWC Law Firm, Croatia)</i></li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Algorithmic Collusion in Competition Law</b> <i>Dominik Vuletić (Faculty of Economic Zagreb, Croatia)</i></li></ul>	



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13,00 - 13,15	Questions and Discussion
13,15 - 14,15	Lunch
14,15 - 15,15	<b>PANEL 1</b> <b>NEW TRENDS IN COMPETITION LAW IN THE EU AND SEE COUNTRIES</b> <i>Moderator: Vlatka Butorac Malnar</i>
	<b>SUBTOPIC: Private Enforcement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>The Impact of the Right to a Fair Trial in the Enforcement of EU Competition Law</b> <i>Manolis Perakis (Law School, National Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)</i></li><li><b>Private (Non-) Enforcement of Competition Law in Slovakia</b> <i>Ondrej Blažo (Comenius University Bratislava, Faculty of Law, Slovakia)</i></li><li><b>From Theory to Practice: Navigating Challenges in Private Enforcement of Competition Law in Albania</b> <i>Petrina Broka (Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, Albania)</i></li></ul>
15,15 - 15,30	Questions and Discussion
15,30 - 15,45	Coffee Break



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15,45 - 17,30

## PANEL 2 (Parallel Sessions)

### EU COMPETITION LAW THAT WORKS FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PLANET

#### SESSION 1 (Moderator: *Emiliano Marchisio*)

#### *SUBTOPIC: Sustainability, Consumers and Competition Policy*

- **Regulatory Experimentalism and Competition Policy – The Regulatory Sandbox as a Tool to Promote Fairness and Sustainability**  
*Tatjana Jovanić (Faculty of Law Belgrade, Serbia)*
- **Competition Law as a Fundamental Policy Tool For a Transition Towards More Social and Environmental Sustainable Societies**  
*Andrea Piletta Massaro (University of Torino, Italy)*
- **The Convergence of Competition Policy Towards Sustainability Issues: Case of Albania**  
*Erion Shtjefanaku (Lademann & Associates GmbH Economists and Competition Consultants, Germany)*  
*Ermal Nazifi (Epoka University, Albania)*  
*Arjan Tushaj (University of Tirana, Albania)*
- **Balancing Sustainability and Competition: Insights from India's Economic Development**  
*Sukriti Yagyasen (St Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India)*  
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>The Impact of Competition Law on Consumer Rights: Global Trends and Regional Perspective in South and East Europe</b> <i>Plotnic Olesea</i> (Moldova State University, Modlova) <i>Natalia Zamfir</i> (Moldova State University, Modlova)</li></ul>
	<b>Questions and Discussion</b>
15,45 - 17,30	<p><b>SESSION 2</b> (Moderator: <i>Marijana Liszt</i>) <b>SUBTOPIC: Competition Issues in Labour Market</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Non- Compete Clause in Bulgarian Labour Law</b> <i>Maria Radeva</i> (University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev", Faculty of Law, Bulgaria) <i>Vanya Panteleeva</i> (University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev", Faculty of Law, Bulgaria)</li><li><b>The Role of Competition Law in Regulating Non-Compete Clauses, Wage-Fixing, and Non-Poaching Agreements</b> <i>Marta Vejseli</i> (International Balkan University Skopje, North Macedonia)</li><li><b>Competition Issues in Labor Markets</b> <i>Darija Ognjenović</i> (Prica &amp; Partners, Serbia) <i>Iva Popović</i> (Prica &amp; Partners, Serbia)</li></ul>



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		<p><b>SESSION 3</b> (Moderator: <i>Lidija Šimunović</i>)  <b>SUBTOPIC: Contemporary Competition Law Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Methodologies for Determining Fees in Collective Management of Copyright</b>  <i>Siniša Petrović (Faculty of Law Zagreb, Croatia)</i>  <i>Romana Matanovac Vučković (Faculty of Law Zagreb, Croatia)</i> </li> <li> <b>Modern Day Solutions for Modern Day Globalisation: Proposal for Curbing Imported Ant-Competitive Behaviour</b>  <i>Marina Iskander (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom)</i> </li> <li> <b>The EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation (FRS): A Game Changer of Impossible Mission</b>  <i>Lidija Šimunović (Faculty of Law Osijek, Croatia)</i> </li> </ul>
	15,45 - 17,30	
	17,30 - 17,45	<b>Questions and Discussion</b>
	17,45 - 18,00	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>
	20,00	<p><i>Dinner (optional)</i>  <i>Venue: Restaurant "Darocz", Lajoša Košuta 39, Vardarac</i></p>

**Saturday, 5 October 2024**

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	09,45 - 10,00	<b>Participants meeting in front of the Faculty of Law Osijek (TBC)</b>
	10,00 - 11,00	<b>Visit to brandy production facility in Nemetin</b>
	11,00 - 12,00	<b>Visit to EU funded project in Tikveš</b>
	13,00 - 15,00	<b>Lunch at the "Ivica and Marica" Family Farm</b>
	15,00 - 16,00	<b>Return to Osijek</b>
	<b>END OF THE CONFERENCE</b>	



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