

Competition Forum

Venue: Online

Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Time:

09:30 – 09:45 Welcome and Keynote

09:45 – 10:45 Panel I: Digitalization of Energy and its Competitive Implications

10:45 – 11:45 Panel II: Greening State Aid Policy and Practice

11:45 – 12:00 Take-aways and Closing

Welcome and Keynote

09:30 – 09:45

Welcome: Marie-Therese RICHTER-KUHNERT, Deputy Director, Head of Legal Unit, Energy Community Secretariat

Keynote: Stéphanie NIEUWBOURG, Lawyer – Public Finance, Energy Markets, and Competition, ClientEarth

Panel I: Digitalization of Energy and its Competitive Implications

Moderator: Tetiana Mylenka

09:45 – 10:45

The impact of digitalisation on competition in the energy sector	15 min	Marieke SCHOLZ , European Commission (DG COMP, Head of Unit, Antitrust Energy & Environment)
Leveraging Computational Tools in Competition Law Enforcement: Implications for Antitrust and Energy Regulation	15 min	Dr. Teodora GROZA , Lecturer at Sciences Po Paris
Approaches and hurdles on the way to fair competition on the electricity wholesale markets in spite of one dominant market player - can digitization help?	15 min	Walter BOLTZ , Senior Energy Advisor, Baker McKenzie (Vienna)
Open floor - Discussion		

Panel II: Greening State Aid Policy and Practice

Moderator: Marie-Therese Richter-Kuhnert

10:45 – 11:45

Enforcement and Future Development of EU State Aid Policy in the Energy Sector	15 min	Violeta IFTINCHI , European Commission (DG COMP, unit B2)
Sustainability Considerations in Recent Law-Enforcement Practice	15 min	Julian NOWAG , Associate Professor at Lund University, University of Hong Kong
The Role of State Aid in Promoting the Hydrogen Sector	15 min	Marlene WIMMER-NISTELBERGER , Partner at CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz (Vienna)
Hydrogen Projects: Practical Perspective	15 min	Dr. Maximilian KÜHN , Advisor, Hydrogen Europe
Open floor - Discussion		

Take-aways and Closing

11:45 – 12:00

Tetiana MYLENKA, Competition and Energy Lawyer, Energy Community Secretariat