



EU SINGLE MARKET PROGRAMME

STUDY VISIT

EU Directorate General for Competition (DG COMP)

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EVENT PROGRAMME



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EVENT DESCRIPTION

The study visit to the EU Commission’s Directorate General for Competition (DG COMP) is designed to increase the capacity of judicial and law enforcement professionals in detecting anti-competitive behaviour. The European Commission aims to strengthen collaborative efforts between competition enforcement agencies and “*non-competition national enforcers*”— *judicial and law enforcement professionals who may encounter anti-competitive behaviour in the course of their regular duties but whose primary role does not involve competition investigations.*

The goal is to promote the role that the non-competition enforcers could have in the prosecution of anti-competitive infringements by sharing relevant information and evidence with competition enforcement authorities at both the European and national levels.

During the study visit, the participants will partake in a short training session on EU competition enforcement. The training will cover key aspects of EU competition law, with a focus on cartels and abuse of dominant positions, as outlined in Articles 101 and 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). Cartel activities, such as price-fixing and market allocation, will be examined alongside practices that exploit or exclude competitors by entities with a dominant market position.

The participants will be introduced to the *Exotic Fruits case*, whereby the European Court of Justice (ECJ) confirmed that the European Commission could use as evidence information and documents provided by national non-competition authorities to prosecute anticompetitive infringements, provided that the transmission is legal under national law.

Participants will learn to identify potential anti-competitive behaviour, understand the types of information and evidence valuable for enforcing EU competition law, and receive guidance on the measures they can take to facilitate the detection, prosecution, and sanctioning of such behaviour.

TARGET GROUP

The training is aimed at **senior investigative judges, public prosecutors and law enforcement officers** managing or conducting investigative activities in **economic and financial matters** as their core daily tasks.

While these professionals do not routinely handle competition law cases, their daily tasks may give rise to the detection of anti-competitive practices. This program will equip them with the skills needed to identify these leads and evidence and to report them to the European Commission and national competition authorities.

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AGENDA

Wednesday, 2 APRIL 2025

- 08:30 – 08:45** ***Welcome speech***
- Head of Unit CTO.1: Data Analysis and Technology, DG Competition, European Commission
- 08:45 – 09:15** ***Keynote speech***
- Director Cartels, DG Competition, European Commission
- 09:15 - 10:30** ***Contributing to the enforcement of Competition Law***
- Unit CTO.1: Data Analysis and Technology, DG Competition
- 10:30 – 11:00** ***Coffee break***
- 11:00 – 11:30** ***Managing Cartels cases***
- Cartels Directorate, DG Competition
- 11:30- 12:30** ***An overview of DG Competition's activity***
- Head of Unit CTO.1: Data Analysis and Technology, DG Competition, European Commission
- 12:30** ***Conclusion***
- Head of Unit CTO.1: Data Analysis and Technology, DG Competition, European Commission

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IMPORTANT NOTE: *By accepting the offer to attend the event, the participants agree that they will not reveal the identity and affiliation of the speaker(s) and participants to third parties.*

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