

Competition Law

Master

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Objectives and teaching methodologies

- The course aims to provide students with the essential legal and economic concepts of competition law, in a dynamic and critical perspective
- Classes combine traditional lectures with students participation based on mandatory reading materials
- Individual evaluation: class participation, final written paper

Programme

1. Competition policy and economics
 - Market definition and market power
 - Function of competition law
2. EU and national law
 - Relationship between EU and national competition laws
 - EU institutional structure, procedure and sanctions
 - Regulation 1/2003
3. Overview of EU competition rules
 - Article 4 (3) TEU Duty of Sincere Cooperation
 - Article 101 and 102 Agreements and abuse of dominance
 - Article 107 to 109 TFEU State Aids
 - Article 37 and 106 TFUE State monopolies and services of general economic interest
4. Vertical agreements
 - Article 101 (1) TFUE; Regulation 330/2010
 - Block exemption
 - Article 101 (3) TFUE
5. Horizontal agreements
 - Cartels and facilitating practices
 - Cooperation agreements: joint ventures and other forms of cooperation
6. Abuse of dominance
 - Pricing and non-pricing practices
7. Merger control
 - Regulations 139/2004 and 804/2004

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