

ESTALI Spring Forum – Programme

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THE
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Time	Location: Red Room	Location: Green Room	Location: Black Room
08.30-9.00	Registration		
09.00-9.15	/	Welcome Remark: Wolfgang Andreae	/
09.15-10.15	/	Keynote: David Petrlik Chair: Caroline Buts	/
10.15-10.45	Coffee break		
	Session 1a - State Aid and Strategic Autonomy	Session 1b - Procedure	Session 1c - The Notion of Aid
10.45-12.30	<p>Chair: Carole Maczkovics</p> <p>Malvaux, Charles; De Cock, Wout & Vander Vennet, Nikolas - Europe's Strategic Gamble: What the Literature Says About IPCEIs <i>Discussant: Moran, Niall</i></p> <p>Moran, Niall - Projects of Common European Interest and the Transformation of EU State Aid Law: Coordination and Strategic Autonomy <i>Discussant: Malvaux, Charles; De Cock, Wout & Vander Vennet, Nikolas</i></p> <p>Mattiolo, Pierfrancesco - The EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation, Industrial Policy and Competitiveness: Dragons, Unchartered Frontiers and Epic Quests <i>Discussant: Praasterink, Gerrit & Vegt, Antonia</i></p> <p>Praasterink, Gerrit & Vegt, Antonia - The Defence Readiness Omnibus <i>Discussant: Mattiolo, Pierfrancesco</i></p>	<p>Chair: Wout De Cock</p> <p>Van Rompuy, Ben - The Agenda-Shaping Effects of Complaints in EU State Aid Enforcement <i>Discussant: Szalai, Soma</i></p> <p>Szalai, Soma - The 2025 Internal Review Mechanism: Aarhus Compliance and Its Implications for EU State Aid Control <i>Discussant: Van Rompuy, Ben</i></p> <p>Cozzani, Camilla & Carpi, Alessandro - Reassessing Actions for Failure to Act in State Aid Enforcement: From Implied Powers to Implied Duties <i>Discussant: Stępkowski, Łukasz</i></p> <p>Stępkowski, Łukasz - C-220/23 R v Prezes URE, Unlawful State Aid, and Penalties <i>Discussant: Cozzani, Camilla & Carpi, Alessandro</i></p>	<p>Chair: David Petrlik</p> <p>Georgopoulou, Zoe - State Aid: An Objective Concept or Not? <i>Discussant: Lemonnier, Valentine</i></p> <p>Skovgaard Ølykke, Grith & Buts, Caroline - Comparing The Concept of State Control in State Aid and Public Procurement Law: Rationale, Conditions, and Effects <i>Discussant: Georgopoulou, Zoe</i></p> <p>Lemonnier, Valentine - Who Am I, and If So, How Many? – Critical Examination of the Concepts of “Single Enterprise” and “Linked Enterprises” <i>Discussant: Skovgaard Ølykke, Grith</i></p> <p>Segura, Maria & Clayton, Marianne: The Interpretation of the Criteria “State Resources” and “Advantage”: How Far Is Too Far? <i>Discussant: Buts, Caroline</i></p>
12.30-13.30	Lunch		

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	Session 2a - State Aid and Industrial Policy	Session 2b - Transport	Session 2c - Financial and Tax Measures
13.30-15.00	<p>Chair: Seppe Maes</p> <p>Buts, Caroline & Vandendriessche, Robin - Multiple Lenses, One Strategy? Emerging Industry Policy Considerations in State Aid Instruments <i>Discussant: Pelekis, Dionysios</i></p> <p>Blockx, Jan - R&D&I Aid and EU Industrial Policy <i>Discussant: Vandendriessche, Robin</i></p> <p>Pelekis, Dionysios - From Crisis Aid to Structural Transformation: To the CISAF ... and Beyond? <i>Discussant: Blockx, Jan</i></p>	<p>Chair: Grith Skovgaard Ølykke</p> <p>Barbano, Mario - State aid for the green transition: the case of maritime and aviation decarbonization <i>Discussant: Glowicka, Elżbieta</i></p> <p>Pan, Sophearith; Fedi, Laurent & Langenus, Mychal - Enforcement of State Aid Control in the European Port Sector <i>Discussant: Barbano, Mario</i></p> <p>Głowicka, Elżbieta - Market Failures and State Aid in Rail Transport <i>Discussant: Pan, Sophearith; Fedi, Laurent & Langenus, Mychal</i></p>	<p>Chair: Maria Segura</p> <p>Dascalescu, Florin - Rethinking the Role of Financial Intermediaries in Risk Capital Measures <i>Discussant: Bernat, Michał</i></p> <p>Staviczky, Péter - Selectivity in C-558/22 ARERA and C-453/23 E. sp. z o.o. v Prezydent Miasta Mielca <i>Discussant: Dascalescu, Florin</i></p> <p>Bernat, Michał - Selectivity of Fiscal Measures: Current Status after Prezydent Miasta Mielca <i>Discussant: Staviczky, Péter</i></p>
15.00-15.30	Coffee break		
	Session 3a - State Aid within EU Law	Session 3b - Energy	Session 3c - Local Measures and Impact
15.30-17.15	<p>Chair: Borja Alcaraz</p> <p>Cogoni, Alessandro - The Relationship Between State Aid and Other EU Law Provisions: Which Way Forward? <i>Discussant: Vollert, Christopher</i></p> <p>Georgiopoulos, Ilias & Buts, Caroline - The Case Law on 'Indissolubly Linked' Aspects of the Aid: Entering the Zone of the Penumbra? <i>Discussant: Simon, Dorottya Anna</i></p> <p>Vollert, Christopher - Integrating Other Rules of EU Law and Industrial Policy into State Aid Control: Between Legal Boundaries and Strategic Autonomy <i>Discussant: Cogoni, Alessandro</i></p> <p>Simon, Dorottya Anna - Equal Treatment of Public and Private Investments in the Assessment of State Aid for the Development of New Large Electricity Generation Capacities <i>Discussant: Georgiopoulos, Ilias</i></p>	<p>Chair: Leigh Hancher</p> <p>Mylenka, Tetiana - State Aid for Gas Monopolists <i>Discussant: Zolotarova, Oksana & Vandercruysse, Laurens</i></p> <p>Kamiński, Marcin - State Aid, Contracts for Difference and New Nuclear Power Plants: An Emerging EU Framework</p> <p>Zolotarova, Oksana; Buts, Caroline & Vandercruysse, Laurens Effective Green State Aid for Ukraine's Energy Transition: Mapping, Gaps and EU Alignment Pathways <i>Discussant: Mylenka, Tetiana</i></p> <p>Marković, Irena - The Future of EU State Aid Control: Strategic Autonomy, Green Transition and the Limits of Evaluation <i>Discussant: Oksana Zolotarova</i></p>	<p>Chair: Andreas Bartosch</p> <p>Descamps, Benjamin - State Aid for Social and Affordable Housing: An Analysis of the Revised SGEI Framework <i>Discussant: Maes, Seppe & Jegers, Marc</i></p> <p>Stützel, Maximilian - Reframing Purely Local Impacts – A look at the Commission's Practice from the Burden of Proof Perspective <i>Discussant: Descamps, Benjamin</i></p> <p>Maes, Seppe; Buts, Caroline & Jegers, Marc - Distortive Effects of Different State Aid Instruments: Evidence from COVID-19 Support Measures <i>Discussant: Stützel, Maximilian</i></p> <p>Li, Songyue & Buts, Caroline - Offshore Wind Power Deployment in China and the European Union <i>Discussant: Kamiński, Marcin</i></p>
17.15-18.00		<p>Closing Session: Deputy Director-General Whelan</p> <p>Chair: Jan Blockx</p>	