

ESTALI Spring Forum – Programme

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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>Moroni, Alessandra – On the Foreign Subsidies Regulation</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 - Actions for Failure to Act and the Right to Effective Judicial Protection: A Constitutionally Grounded Approach to Pre-Closure Letters in State Aid Proceedings <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?</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>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, Elzbieta</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, Elzbieta - 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 Risk Capital Measures: Towards a More Coherent EU State Aid Framework <i>Discussant: Bernat, Michał</i></p> <p>Staviczyk, 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: Staviczyk, 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 & Stoyanova, Sonia</i></p> <p>Zolotarova, Oksana & Vandercruysse, Laurens - Public Support for Ukraine's Energy Transition: Mapping, Gaps and EU Alignment Pathways <i>Discussant: Mylenka, Tetiana</i></p> <p>Stoyanova, Sonia & Caluwaerts, Didier - Competitiveness, Decarbonisation and Energy Security: Analysing the Evolving Objectives in EU State Aid Decisional Practice <i>Discussant: Kamiński, Marcin</i></p> <p>Kamiński, Marcin - State Aid, Contracts for Difference and New Nuclear Power Plants: An Emerging EU Framework</p>	<p>Chair: Marc Jegers</p> <p>Stützel, Maximilian - Reframing Purely Local Impacts – A look at the Commission's Practice from the Burden of Proof Perspective <i>Discussant: Maes, Seppe</i></p> <p>Maes, Seppe & Jegers, Marc - Distortive Effects of Different State Aid Instruments: Evidence from COVID-19 Support Measures <i>Discussant: Hildebrand, Thomas & Dutilleux, Wouter</i></p> <p>Hildebrand, Thomas & Dutilleux, Wouter - Study on the Impact of State Aid Rules for Banks in Difficulty <i>Discussant: Stützel, Maximilian</i></p> <p>Dohms, Bojana – Impact Through Recovery</p>
17.15-18.00		<p>Closing Session: Director-General Whelan Chair: Jan Blockx</p>	