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## ESTALI Seminar

5-7 June 2024 | Athens



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The ESTALI Seminar offers a unique experience to thoroughly examine State aid issues in an intensive, small-group atmosphere allowing for in-depth interaction among the participating experts. The diverse professional background of the faculty and the small circle of participants sharing a high level of expertise and experience will guarantee a lively and insightful debate..

#### Following topics are on the agenda:

- ✓ Recovery After Eesti Pagar and CELF
- ✓ Damages Claims Relating to the Award of Aid
- ✓ The New de minimis Regulations
- ✓ The Role of the State Aid Registers
- ✓ Interaction with the Commission at National Level – Opinions in National Litigation and Amicus Curiae Observations
- ✓ Overview of FSR, including Link with other Instruments
- ✓ Preliminary Review Procedure Under FSR
- ✓ In-depth Investigations under FSR
- ✓ Survey of Potential Next Developments on State Aid
- ✓ Wrap-up Session and Open Discussion Session with the Participants

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## Day 1

### Chair of the Seminar

**Leo Flynn**, Principal Legal Adviser, Legal Service, European Commission

08:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

### 09:00 Recovery After Eesti Pagar and CELF

- The competences of the Commission, national authorities and courts
- Differences in recovery of exempted or not notified aid
- Legitimate expectations in State aid law

**Maria J. Segura Catalán**, Clayton & Segura State Aid Lawyers, Brussels; Managing Editor ESTAL

10:30 Coffee Break

### 11:00 Damages Claims Relating to the Award of Aid

- An overview of status quo
- Comparison with claims relating to competition law
- The legal situation of beneficiaries and competitors

**Maria J. Segura Catalán**

12:30 Lunch Break

### 13:30 The New *de minimis* Regulations

- The concept of *de minimis*
- The provisions of the new regulation, changes compared to the old one
- Application of *de minimis* for loans and guarantees

**Péter Staviczky**, State Aid Attaché, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU, Brussels

14:30 Coffee Break

### 15:00 The Role of the State Aid Registers

- The issue of transparency in State aid law
- The purpose of registers
- Technical difficulties and solutions

**Péter Staviczky**

17:00 Visiting a Historical Site

19:00 Common Dinner

21:00 End of Day 1

## Day 2

### 09:00 Interaction with the Commission at National Level – Opinions in National Litigation and Amicus Curiae Observations

- Article 29 Procedural Regulation
- Status of Commission opinions/ observations

**Leo Flynn**

10:30 Coffee Break

### 11:00 Overview of FSR, including Link with other Instruments

- The genesis of the FSR and relation to other EU tools
- The three building blocks of the FSR
- Experiences in the application of the FSR

**Péter Staviczky**

12:30 Lunch Break

### 13:30 Preliminary Review Procedure Under FSR

- Notifications, declarations, and timelines
- Requirements for completeness and information requests
- Indications sufficing to open an in-depth investigation
- Inspection decisions

**Leo Flynn**

14:30 Coffee Break

### 14:45 In-depth Investigations Under FSR

- Opening decisions and statement of grounds
- Remedies
- Experience to date

**Leo Flynn**

15:45 Small break

### 16:00 Survey of Potential Next Developments on State Aid

- The temporary rules
- The Letta report and its suggestions on State aid law
- Further block exemptions

**Maria J. Segura Catalán, Leo Flynn & Péter Staviczky**

17:00 End of Day 2

## Day 3

### 09:00 Wrap-up session and Open discussion session with the participants ( incl. coffee break)

Leo Flynn

12:00 Coffee Break

13:00 End of the seminar

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