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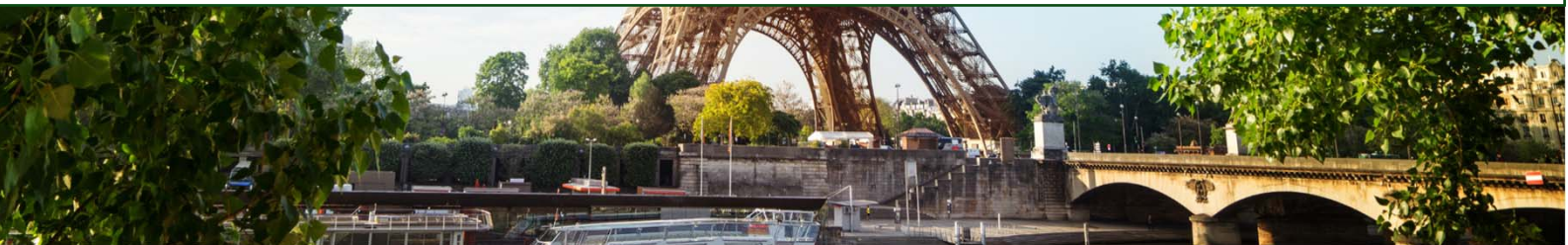
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## EStALI Seminar

18-20 September 2025 | Paris



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As Europe intensifies its pursuit of digital sovereignty, the 2025 EStALI Seminar will focus on the crucial role of EU State aid rules in supporting strategic autonomy across key technology sectors. This year's event brings together legal experts, policymakers, and practitioners to examine how public support mechanisms, particularly Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs), are shaping the EU's approach to semiconductors, cloud computing, and artificial intelligence.

#### Following topics are on the agenda:

- ✓ EU State Aid Framework and Strategic Autonomy
- ✓ IPCEIs – Concept and Legal Framework
- ✓ Semiconductors and the European Chips Act
- ✓ Cloud Computing Initiatives
- ✓ AI and EU State Aid
- ✓ Future Directions and Policy Recommendations

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## Day 1

### Chair of the Seminar

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

09:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:15 Introduction round

### 09:30 Morning Session: EU State Aid Framework and Strategic Autonomy (incl. 30-min coffee break)

- Introduction to EU State Aid Rules: Article 107 TFEU; Objectives and principles; Role of the European Commission in enforcing state aid rules
- Strategic Autonomy in the Digital Age: Definition and importance; EU initiatives to enhance digital sovereignty; Challenges and opportunities

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

12:30 Lunch Break

### 14:00 Afternoon Session: IPCEIs – Concept and Legal Framework (incl. 30-min coffee break)

- Understanding IPCEIs: Definition and purpose; Criteria for qualification; Legal framework governing IPCEIs
- Case Studies: Overview of approved IPCEIs in digital technology sectors; Analysis of their impact on EU strategic autonomy

**Dr. Max Lienemeyer LL.M.**, Head of Unit, DG Competition/H3, European Commission

### 17:00 Q&A Session

17:30 End of Day 1

18:30 Walking Tour followed by a Networking Dinner

## Day 2

### 09:00 Morning Session: Semiconductors and the European Chips Act (incl. 30-min coffee break)

- The European Chips Act: Objectives and key provisions; Funding mechanisms and incentives; Role in enhancing EU semiconductor capabilities
- IPCEI on Microelectronics: Scope and participating member states; Projects funded and expected outcomes

**Dr. Max Lienemeyer LL.M.**, Head of Unit, DG Competition/H3, European Commission

12:30 Lunch Break

### 14:00 Afternoon Session: Cloud Computing Initiatives (incl. 30-min coffee break)

- IPCEI on Next Generation Cloud Infrastructure and Services (IPCEI CIS): Objectives and participating countries; Projects and technologies involved; Expected impact on EU cloud computing capabilities
- Challenges and Future Outlook: Addressing data sovereignty and integration with other digital initiatives

**Dr. Max Lienemeyer LL.M.**, Head of Unit, DG Competition/H3, European Commission

### 17:00 Q&A Session

14:30 End of Day 2

## Day 3

### 09:00 AI and EU State Aid

- EU AI Strategy: Objectives and regulatory approach, funding mechanisms for AI development
- State Aid Considerations for AI Projects: Eligibility criteria and examples of funded AI initiatives

**Dr. Eliana Garces**, Principal Economist, ALP Economics

11:00 Coffee Break

### 11:30 Future Directions and Policy Recommendations

- Enhancing Strategic Autonomy: Lessons learned from current IPCEIs and recommendations for future projects

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

13:00 Light Lunch & End of the EstALI Seminar

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