

## **Announcement & Agenda**

### **Competition Workshop “Merger Control and Innovation”**

**November 27, 2012 (Tuesday), 13.30-17.15**

**Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture, and Innovation**

**Prins Clauslaan 8, Room 10.01 “Weerribben en Wieden”, The Hague**

Dear All,

On November 27 the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis and TILEC (Tilburg Law and Economic Center of Tilburg University) jointly organise a Competition Workshop on “Merger Control and Innovation”.

Earlier this year Reinhilde Veugelers wrote a Breugel Policy Brief (“*Innovation in EU Merger Control: Walking the Talk*”) in which she advocated that competition authorities should pay more attention to the consequences for innovation when assessing mergers. She also suggested several concrete reforms for doing so. This Competition Workshop aims to stimulate the debate on merger control and innovation. Are the consequences for innovation indeed neglected when assessing mergers? If so, what can be done about it? In particular, should the parties to a merger be obliged to report on the dynamic efficiency of the merger? How should these be evaluated by competition authorities? Should merger policy be more (or less) permissive in dynamically competitive industries?

We cordially invite you to participate in the workshop. If you would like to attend the workshop, please send an e-mail with your name and affiliation to Ali Aouragh (a.aouragh@cpb.nl). Please, do not hesitate to forward this invitation to your colleagues.

Please note that this workshop takes place in the (new) main building of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation. You need to take your ID with you in order to enter the building.

To remove your name from our mailing list, please, send an e-mail to A.Aouragh@cpb.nl with the subject "Unsubscribe".

Best wishes,

Ali Aouragh (CPB, Unit Markets and Regulation)

Eric van Damme (CentER and TILEC, Tilburg University)

Frederik van Doorn (Ministry of EL&I, Directorate Competition and Consumers)

Bas Straathof (CPB, Unit Markets and Regulation)

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13.30-13.35	Opening by <b>Dr. Paul de Bijl</b> (CPB, head of unit Markets and Regulation)
13.35-13.45	Introduction by the workshop organizers
13.45-14.15	Speaker: <b>Prof. Dr. Reinhilde Veugelers</b> (KU Leuven, Breugel, CEPR) <i>“Innovation in EU Merger Control”</i>
14.15-14.55	Discussant: <b>Dr. Theon van Dijk</b> (Lexonomics) Followed by general discussion
Tea/Coffee-break	
15.25-15.35	Introduction by the workshop organizers
15.35-16.05	Speaker: <b>Prof. Dr. Hans Schenk</b> (Utrecht School of Economics, GRASP) <i>TBA</i>
16.05-16.45	Discussant: <b>Mr. Paul Lugard</b> (Royal Philips Electronics, University of Tilburg) Followed by general discussion
Drinks	

This workshop is organised by the Ministry of EL&I, TILEC and CPB.



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