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## Competition Law and Electronic Communications (CLEC)

### **NEW SCHEDULE**

A series of seminars organized by

*Centre de Recherches Informatique et Droit (CRID - University of Namur),  
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Interdisciplinair Centrum voor Recht en ICT (ICRI - IBBT; K.U.Leuven)*

### Bottlenecks in Digital Broadcasting:

*The use of sector regulation and competition law to enforce  
access to decoders and content*

**Brussels, March 22, 2007, 1 pm – 5 pm**

#### Subject

Notwithstanding its “technology-specific nature”, the special regime of access obligations for operators of conditional access systems – introduced by Directive 95/47/EC – has been retained in the 2002 regulatory framework for electronic communications (Article 6 of the Access Directive). Will this regime also survive the 2006 Review? Has it proven to be efficient to remedy bottleneck situations in digital TV, or is it rather counterproductive for the goals of i2010...?

The success of a digital TV operator not only depends on access to decoders, but also to premium contents, such as sports media rights. How can competition law intervene to keep existing and emerging markets open? What has been the experience and approach of the European Commission so far?

#### Program

13.00 *Registration and Cocktail Reception*

14.00 Introduction to the topic: access problems in the area of digital TV and legal instruments to tackle them  
*Prof. Dr. Peggy Valcke (ICRI – IBBT; K.U.Leuven)*

14.15 Digital TV bottlenecks in transmission: the use of sector regulation to enforce access to decoders  
*Dr. Natali Helberger (Institute for Information Law, University of Amsterdam)*

15.00 Discussant: *Adam Watson–Brown* (European Commission, DG Information Society & Media, Unit A1: Audiovisual & Media Policies), followed by Q&A

15.30 *Break*

15.45 Digital TV bottlenecks in content: the use of competition law to enforce access to sports media rights  
*Philip Kienapfel (European Commission, DG Competition, Unit C-2 Media)*

16.30 Q&A

**Venue:**

Fondation Universitaire Stichting - rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels, <http://www.fondationuniversitaire.be/>

**Fees\* and registration:**

Participation fee: € 100 (drinks and sandwiches included). If more than two persons participate from the same organisation, the additional participants will benefit from a 25 % reduction. Former DGTIC-students and doctoral students are also entitled to a 25 % reduction.

Registration with Sarah Fiévet – [sarah.fievet@fundp.ac.be](mailto:sarah.fievet@fundp.ac.be) – +32 81 72 52 04

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