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Price squeeze tests in electronic communications

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The aim of this seminar is to gain an understanding of the different approaches followed by regulators across Europe to assess possible cases of price squeeze by dominant operators.

Price control may be performed either *ex ante* or *ex post*.

Some regulators test whether margins are sufficient to allow a reasonably efficient alternative operator in the downstream market to obtain a normal profit. Others take the view that competitors should be as efficient as the dominant firm.

Another difference is whether price squeeze tests are performed per service or per basket of services.

Which wholesale services are taken into consideration (or which “rungs” on the investment ladder)? Does this change over time to focus on higher rungs such as LLU rather than bitstream access in the case of broadband services?

Which cost measures are used? “Cost plus” (FDC vs. LRIC) or retail minus?

Some regulators believe that price squeeze tests are best dealt with by competition authorities.

To have a wide overview of the issues and solutions adopted, national regulators, a Commission representative and a regulated enterprise will present their positions.

16:00 Registration and coffee

16:30 The French approach

> **Hélène Boisson**

(ARCEP)

17:00 The Spanish approach

> **Jordi Canadell Boix**

(CMT)

17:30 The German approach

> **Michael Schimmel**

(BNetzA)

18:00 Coffee break

18:15 The Dutch approach

> **Jilles van den Beukel**

(KPN)

18:45 Comments on recent CFI decision in the DT case

> **Reinald Krüger**

(European Commission – DG Competition)

19:15 Round table

19:30 Cocktail reception

Venue:

Fondation Universitaire Stichting
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Fee* 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 DTIC-students and doctoral students are also entitled to a 25 % reduction.

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