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Brussels Internet & Telecom Seminars

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BITS Seminar – University Foundation in Brussels
Thursday, May 11, 2017 - 14:30 to 19:00

Co-investment in Telecoms

Co-investment and network sharing have become common practice for over a decade in the mobile sector and are making an inroad in the deployment of fiber networks in a number of EU Member States.

While competition law had to face co-investment cases since the 2003 T-Mobile/O2 mobile network sharing cases in Germany and the UK, co-investment is now making an entry into ex-ante EU electronic communications law. Under specific conditions of transparency and openness, the deployment of very high capacity networks by co-investors would not be subject to SMP wholesale access obligations

The purpose of this BITS seminar is :

- To understand the welfare effects as well as the strengths, the weaknesses, the opportunities and the risks of co-investment in the deployment of fixed and mobile telecommunications networks;
- To understand under which conditions the markets alone will lead to co-investment and whether markets should be nudged towards such deals;
- To explore the consequences of co-investment on the possible emergence of competitive wholesale broadband markets and to assess the effect of continued wholesale access obligations on the incentives of market players to co-invest;
- To gain a better understanding of the limits to co-investment in terms of competition law.



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Welcome and coffee

In the Chair: Alexandre de Streef, Professor, University of Namur and CERRE

15:00

Carlo Cambini - Professor, Politecnico di Torino

15:25

Wolfgang Briglauer - Senior Researcher, ZEW Centre for European Economic,

15:40

Richard Feasey - University College London

16:00

Debate

16:30

Coffee Break

17:00

Stakeholders and regulatory panel

In the Chair: Philippe Defraigne, Director, Cullen International

Emmanuel Tricaud - COLT

Jan Krancke - Deutsche Telekom

Marc Lebourges - Orange

Ben Wreschner - Vodafone

Bo Andersson - PTS

Rita Wezenbeek - European Commission, DG Competition

Carlota Reyners-Fontana - European Commission, DG Connect (tbc)

18:50

Closing remarks

Fatima Barros - Chair, ANACOM

19:00

Cocktail



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Fee* and registration

The seminar is a joint event of CRIDS of the University of Namur, CiTiP of the University of Leuven and Cullen International.

Participation fee: € 150 (drinks included).

Free for staff of the EU Institutions and National Permanent Representations to the EU

If more than two persons participate from the same organisation, the other participants pay only € 100. Ph.D. students and former DTIC-students of UNamur benefit from a reduced fee of € 100.

Registration: <http://bits.unamur.be/next-bits-may-2017>

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