

Workshop: LENIENCY PROGRAMS AGAINST ILLEGAL CARTELS

Date: Thursday November 18th 2021
Location: University of Franche-Comté (UFR SJEPCG)
45D Av. de l'Observatoire, 25030 Besançon
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This workshop, supported by the Franco-Swiss Knowledge Community "Communauté du savoir", will join for the first time the students of Advanced Studies in Economic Crime Investigation master degree [MAS ECI] of the ILCE (Institute of Fight against Economic Crime, Neuchâtel) and the students of Business Intelligence, Behavioral and Digital Economics for Effective Management master degree [BDEEM] of the UBFC (University of Bourgogne Franche-Comté, France), as well as the students of Economic Engineering master degree of the University Franche-Comté, who will be invited to attend this day.

In these Masters degrees, issues of competition policy, related to economic crime and more particularly to strategic price manipulation in physical and online markets will be addressed. This study day will focus on the analysis of the different instruments to fight against these illicit practices, in particular on the role of leniency programs and their current limits in the digital economy. In particular, it will analyse corporate cartels and their new forms in the era of e-commerce platforms. The objective is to allow a good understanding of the economic stakes of anti-competitive practices and the effectiveness of the various instruments of prevention and detection. It is also a question of understanding the new risks and challenges facing the industry and connected services. Moreover, given the specialities of the masters, the exchange between students will be an opportunity for them to share their fields of knowledge and broaden their interests.

In the morning, the event will begin with a laboratory experiment for students at CRESE (Centre de Recherche sur les Stratégies Economiques) at the University Franche-Comté SJEPCG, Besançon, where they will play the role of a company that can form cartels with other companies. After lunch, a seminar will be organized with the contributions of French and Swiss specialists and will be followed by discussions.

Program of the day

10 am - 10.30 am: Welcome coffee

10.30 am - 1 pm: Laboratory experiment

1 pm - 2.30 pm: Lunch

2.30 pm - 3 pm: Feedback of laboratory experiment

3 pm - 3.45 pm: Intervention by Mr. Olivier Schaller, Vice-Director at COMCO Services & by Mr. Philippe Sulger, Economist at COMCO Services (Swiss Competition Commission)

3.45 pm - 4 pm: Break

4 pm - 4.45 pm: Intervention by Mrs. Anne Krenzer, Advisor to the Head of investigations, Leniency & European Liaison Officer (French Competition Authority)

4.45 pm - 5 pm: Discussion

5 pm +: Cocktail

