

Programme

Conference – Competition Law and Economics – efficiency defence

Bergen/Solstrand Hotel 18 – 19 November 2009

Workshop Theme:

Competition Law and Economics – the efficiency defence in competition law

Tuesday, 17 November 2009

Arrival 20:00 Dinner at Solstrand Hotel

Day 1 – Wednesday, 18 November 2009

09:30-10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00-10:15 Welcoming and opening remarks

10:15-11:00 Keynote Speaker: Svend Albæk, Senior Economist, Chief Economist Team, Directorate General for Competition, European Commission: “Efficiency in competition enforcement : an overview”.

Theme 1 – efficiency defence under anticompetitive agreements. Chair: Lars Sørgard

11:00-11:30 Matthew Bennett, Director of Economics, Office of Fair Trading, UK: “The use of efficiencies in Article 81”.

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-12:30 Erling Hjelmeng, professor dr juris, Law Faculty, University of Oslo: “Can efficiencies be 'proved'? - some implications of Regulation 1 Article 2”.

12:30-14:00 Lunch

Theme 2 – efficiency defence in cases concerning abuse of dominant position.

Chair: Tommy Staahl Gabrielsen

14:00-14:30 Thomas Vinje, Lawyer, Clifford Chance: "Pretexts and efficiencies: objective justifications after Microsoft"?

14:30-15:00 Jonn Ola Sørensen, Partner, Law Firm Wikborg Rein, Bergen: “Efficiency defence in abuse of dominance cases in Norway”.

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-16:00 Anne Perrot, Vice-Chair at Autorité de la Concurrence: “Efficiency arguments in the assessment of potential abuses”.

16:00-16:30 Peter Møllgaard, professor, Copenhagen Business School: “On the acquisition and maintenance of a dominant position”.

16:30 End of programme

19:00/19:30 Reception/Dinner at Solstrand Hotel

Day 2 – Thursday, 19 November 2009

09:00-09:45 Keynote Speaker: Frederic Jenny, Professor of economics, Judge at the Supreme Court of France, Chairman of the OECD Competition Law and Policy Committee: “Intellectual property, competition and dynamic efficiencies”

Theme 3 – efficiency defence in merger cases. Chair: Tore Lunde

09:45-10:15 Simon Bishop, RBB Economics: “Merger Efficiencies: the good, the bad and the irrelevant”.

10:15-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-11:15 Simon Pilsbury, Managing Consultant, Oxera, London: "Efficiency defences in mergers: theory and practice."

11:15-11:45 Helge Stemschaug, Lawyer, BA-HR, Oslo: “The Norwegian Efficiency Defence: Balancing efficiencies and welfare loss in merger cases”.

11:45-12:15 Summary /concluding remarks

12:15-13:30 Lunch/end of workshop/departure

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