

LIVE STREAM



THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL JUDGE IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF EU STATE AID RULES

WEBINAR FOR ITALIAN JUDICIARY
26 – 28 May 2021
(afternoons)

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Confirmed speakers

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Antonio Pietro Lamorgese, Counselor, Court of Cassation, Rome

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Key topics

- The Notion of State Aid
- Unlawful and incompatible aid
- The standstill obligation
- Complementary roles of the European Commission and the national courts
- Hands-on training on online databases

Languages
Italian and English (with simultaneous interpretation)

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Wednesday, 26 May 2021

13:30 Connecting time

13:45 **Welcome words**

I. INTRODUCTION INTO EU STATE AID LAW

14:00 **Main objectives of EU State aid control. Overview of Articles 107-109 TFEU**
Fabio Filpo

14:30 **Main elements of the notion of Aid**

- Undertaking and Economic activity
- State resources and Imputability to the State

Fabio Filpo

15:30 Q&A and discussion

15:45 Break

16:00 **Main elements of the notion of Aid**

- Advantage
- Selectivity
- Effect on trade and competition

Emanuele Manzo

17:00 Q&A and discussion

17:15 **Using the search tools of the online databases**
Emanuele Manzo

17:45 End of first session

Tuesday, 27 May 2021

13:30 Connecting time

13:45 **De Minimis and Block Exemption Regulations: what is their role for the national court's assessment?**
Francesco Maria Salerno

14:30 Q&A and discussion

14:45 **Workshop exercise**
Francesco Maria Salerno

15:45 Break

II. APPLICATION OF EU STATE AID RULES BY THE NATIONAL JUDGE

16:00 **The role of the national judge in the enforcement of EU state aid rules**

- The direct effect of Article 108 (3) TFEU.
- The powers of the Commission and of national courts
- Claims for damages and interim measures.

Antonio Pietro Lamorgese

17:00 Q&A and discussion

17:15 End of second day

Objective

The direct effect of the notification requirement and the standstill obligation under EU State aid rules (Art. 108 (3) TFEU), the role of national courts in the recovery of illegally awarded State aid and the possibility of bringing before them private damages actions caused by unlawful State aid require good knowledge of State aid rules by the judiciary.

This seminar will provide national judges with an overview of the application of Articles 107 - 109 TFEU and the relevant secondary legislation and will equip them with the necessary tools to deal with State aid cases.

Who should attend?

Italian judges and prosecutors, apprentice national judges and prosecutors, and the staff of judges' offices or of national courts.

More information about the event at:

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Tuesday, 28 May 2021

- 13:30 Connecting time
- 13:45 **Recovery of unlawful and incompatible aid**
- Principles and purpose of the recovery
 - Procedural framework
 - Role of the national courts
- Marco Botta*
- 14:45 Q&A and discussion
- 15:00 **Cooperation with the European Commission**
- Request for information
 - Request for opinion
 - Amicus curiae observations
- Alessandra Franchi*
- 15:30 Q&A and discussion
- 15:45 Break
- 16:00 **Workshop exercise**
- Alessandra Franchi*
- 17:15 Q&A and discussion
- 17:30 End of the training

About the project

The seminar is part of a large-scale project to provide training to national judges on EU competition law, organised on behalf of the European Commission.

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Conditions of participation

1. The seminar is addressed to national judges, apprentice judges and court staff dealing State aid-related cases at first or intermediate instance.
Deadline for applications: 5 May 2020
2. Only a limited number of places is available for the training seminars. A response will be given to every applicant shortly after the deadline for application. Participation is confirmed only upon receiving a written response from the organisers. A reserve list of unsuccessful applicants will be drawn up. In the event of cancellations, applicants on the reserve list will be offered a place.
3. **Participation is free of charge.**
4. Certificates of attendance will be issued after the training seminar.
5. Participation in the whole seminar programme is required. Filling in the seminar evaluation form is also mandatory. Failure to attend the entire course and/or to fill out the evaluation form will automatically mean that the participant is not entitled to a certificate of attendance.
6. A list of participants including each participant's address will be made available to all participants unless ERA receives written objection from the participant no later than one week prior to the beginning of the event.