INTRODUCTION TO COMPETITION LAW

New Staff Seminar

School of Law of the University of Málaga **15-18 September 2026**

Seminar objectives

This workshop will provide an introduction to competition law for new case handlers working in competition authorities. It will include practical tips on the everyday of case handlers and it will cover anti-cartel enforcement, merger control, abuse of dominance and advocacy. Practical exercises will illustrate hands-on issues and enable participants to meet and discuss common challenges.

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Agenda

Tuesday, 15 September 2026	
09.30-10.15	**Welcome remarks** • María Pilar **Canedo**, *Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC* • Isabel González **Ríos,** *Dean of the Law School, University of Málaga* • Joaquín Pérez **Muñoz**, *Director, Andalusian Competition Authority* • Attila **Sipos**, *Secretary General of the Hungarian Competition Authority* **Tour de table** **Group picture**
10.15-10.45	**An overview of Competition Policy and the role of competition agencies** Maria Pilar **Canedo**, *Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC* Renato **Ferrandi**, *Director of International and EU Affairs, Italian Competition Authority*
10.45-11.00	**Coffee break**
Anti-Cartel Enforcement	
11.00-11.45	**An introduction to anti-competitive agreements. Types and main legal aspects to consider** Botond **Horváth**, *Head of the Cartel Section, Hungarian Competition Authority*
11.45-12.30	**Bid rigging examples** Alfonso **Lopez Escobar**, *Head of Investigation, Andalusian Competition Authority* Maria Pilar **Canedo**, *Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC*
12.30-13.00	**Leniency and whistleblowing and alternatives for infringement detection** Botond **Horváth**, *Head of the Cartel Section, Hungarian Competition Authority*
13.00-14.15	**Lunch break**
14.15-14.45	**Trade associations and information exchange – experiences from Finland** Rainer **Lindberg**, *Director of International Competition Affairs, Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority*
14.45-15.45	**Successful dawn raid: Tricks and tips** Jutta **Wimmer**, *Rapporteur, Special Unit for Combating Cartels, Bundeskartellamt*
15.45-16.00	**Coffee break**
16.00-17.00	**Hypothetical case on anti-competitive agreements and relation with damages** Francisco **Marcos**, *Professor of IE School of Law, Madrid*
20-00-21.00	**Dinner at the hotel**

Wednesday, 16 September 2026	
09.30-10.00	**Procedural aspects connected with dawn raids** Jutta **Wimmer**, *Rapporteur, Special Unit for Combating Cartels, Bundeskartellamt*
10.00-10.45	**Procedural aspects and procedural fines related to cartel enforcement** Botond **Horváth**, *Head of the Cartel Section, Hungarian Competition Authority*
10.45-11.00	**Coffee break**
Merger Control	
11.00-11.45	**Concept and relevance of mergers control** Griet **Jans**, *Chief Economist, Belgian Competition Authority*
11.45-12.30	**Market definition for mergers and abuse of dominance** Renato **Ferrandi**, *Director of International and EU Affairs, Italian Competition Authority*
12.30-13.15	**Theories of harm, remedies and commitments** Griet **Jans**, *Chief Economist, Belgian Competition Authority*

13.15-14.15	**Lunch break**
14.15-15.00	**Examples of mergers cases** Griet **Jans**, *Chief Economist, Belgian Competition Authority* Renato **Ferrandi**, *Director of International and EU Affairs, Italian Competition Authority*
15.00-15.15	**Coffee break**
15.15-17.00	**Hypothetical case on merger control – Breakout session**
20-00-21.00	**Dinner at the hotel**

Thursday, 17 September 2026	
Abuse of dominance	
09.30-10.15	**The notion and assessment of abuse of dominance** Johan **Hedelin**, *Competition Counsel, Swedish Competition Authority*
10.15-10.45	**Spanish abuse of dominance cases** Maria Pilar **Canedo**, *Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC*
10.45-11.15	**Coffee break**
11.15-12.00	**Some Italian and Belgian cases** Griet **Jans**, *Chief Economist, Belgian Competition Authority* Renato **Ferrandi**, *Director of International and EU Affairs, Italian Competition Authority*
12.00-13.00	**Practical tips related to abuse of dominance cases** Johan **Hedelin**, *Competition Counsel, Swedish Competition Authority*
13.00-14.30	**Lunch break**
14.30-16.30	**Hypothetical case on abuse of dominance – Breakout session**
17.30-20.30	**Social programme**

Friday, 18 September 2026	
Advocacy of competition	
09.30-10.30	**An introduction to the main elements of advocacy and its main tools** Maria Pilar **Canedo**, *Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC* Alejandro **Gonzalez**, *Adjunct Subdirector of Studies in the Advocacy Department, CNMC*
10.30-11.30	**Examples of market study in Spain** Alejandro **Gonzalez**, *Adjunct Subdirector of Studies in the Advocacy Department, CNMC*
11.30-11.45	**Coffee break**
11.45-12.30	**Leniency and calculation of sanctions in competition enforcement** Renato **Ferrandi**, *Director of International and EU Affairs, Italian Competition Authority* Maria Pilar **Canedo**, *Academic Director of OECD-GVH RCC*
12.30-13.15	**Final comments and Kahoot game** Renato **Ferrandi,** Alejandro **Gonzalez,** Johan **Hedelin,** Maria Pilar **Canedo**
Closing Remarks Patricia **Benavides**, TWIN-COMP University of Malaga	
Certificates awarding Ceremony	
13.30-15.00	**Lunch**
20-00-21.00	**Dinner at the hotel**