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HALF-DAY CONFERENCE

CAPACITY MECHANISMS IN EUROPE: THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES BEHIND THE ONGOING SECTOR INQUIRY

On 29th April, the European Commission launched its first sector inquiry under State aid rules. Its aim is to ascertain the need and potential competition distortion of "capacity mechanisms" to ensure sufficient electricity supply.

The second energy conference organised by the Centre of European Law of the King's College Dickson Poon School of Law and the College of Europe of Bruges through its research centre in Competition Law (the Global Competition Law Center) is held in cooperation with the Directorate General for Competition of the European Commission. Its aim is to discuss the main issues being raised by the ongoing sector inquiry.

Programme

13:00 - 14:00: Registration and light lunch

14.00: Welcome and presentation of the Conference

Elisabetta Righini, Visiting Professor, King's College

14.10: Keynote speech

Margrethe Vestager, European Commissioner for Competition

14.40: Session 1

Which market design is more appropriate for Europe: energy only market or a given form of capacity mechanism?

Chairman: *Klaus-Dieter Borchardt*, Director DG Energy, European Commission

Speakers: *Jamie Carstairs*, Linnfall Consulting, Edinburgh
Carlos Batlle, Comillas Pontifical University IIT, Madrid

Mike Hogan, Senior Adviser, The Regulatory Assistance Project, London

Fabien Roques, Partner CompassLexecon, Paris

Q&A

16.10: Coffee break

16.20: **Session 2**

If a capacity mechanism, which design is most appropriate?

Chairman: **Massimo Merola**, President GCLC

Speakers: **Rickard Nilsson**, Project manager, Nord Pool Spot
Robin Cohen, CRA Vice-President, London
Thomas Veyrenc, RTE Director, Markets department, Paris
Dan Monzani, Head of Security of electricity supply team, DECC, London
Andrea Villa, Senior Analyst in Energy & Regulatory Affairs, Enel S.p.A, Rome

Q & A

18.00: End of Conference