Office of Competition and Consumer Protection

STATE AID DAYS

29-30 May 2012, Warsaw
Venue: Sofitel Victoria Hotel, 11 Królewska Street

DAY 1 - TUESDAY, 29TH MAY 2012

8:30 - 9:00 Registration and welcome coffee

9:00 - 9:30 WELCOME AND OPENING SPEECHES

9.00 - 9.15 Welcome

Małgorzata Krasnodębska-Tomkiel, President of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection (UOKiK), Poland

9.15 - 9.30 Opening speech

Preben Sandberg Pettersson, Head of State Aid Division, Ministry of Business and Growth, Denmark

9:30 - 12:30 THE REFORM OF THE STATE AID RULES

9.30 - 10.00 Future development of state aid policy

Gert-Jan Koopman, Deputy Director General for State Aid, European Commission

10.00 - 10.20 Questions and answers

10:20 - 10:40 Coffee break

10.40 - 11.20 The reform of the state aid rules applicable to compensation of Services of General Economic Interest

Adinda Sinnaeve, Deputy Head of State Aid Policy and Scrutiny Unit, DG Competition, European Commission

11.20 - 11.40 Questions and answers

11.40 - 12.10 Services of General Economic Interest in transport - implementation of Regulation 1370/2007

Kim Lundgaard Hansen, Partner at The Law Firm Poul Schmith, Legal Adviser to the Danish Government

12.10 - 12.20 Questions and answers

12.20 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 - 15.30 CURRENT CHALLENGES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF STATE AID LAW

13.30 - 14.00 The application of the concept of "undertaking" and "economic activity" and the application of Market Economic Investor test

Adinda Sinnaeve, Deputy Head of State Aid Policy and Scrutiny Unit, DG Competition, European Commission

14.00 - 14.10 Questions and answers

14.10 - 14.40 Cumulation of de minimis aid for entities with complex structure

Sylwia Ojdym, Deputy Director of the Department of State Aid Monitoring, Office of Competition and Consumer Protection (UOKiK)

14.40 - 14.50 Questions and answers

14.50 - 15.20 Application of state aid rules by local administration (e.g. sale of public land and property). How do Member States handle with legal assistance and control the conformity with the state aid provisions?

Göran Grén, Deputy Director General; Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications, Sweden

15.20 - 15.30 Questions and answers

15.30 - 15.45 CLOSING REMARKS

Małgorzata Kozak, Vice President of the Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection

17.30 Social event

17.30 - 18.30 Old Town sightseeing

18.30 - 20.45 Dinner at the restaurant *Freta Gallery* in the New Town

21.00 - 21.30 The Multimedia Fountain Park at the Castle Grounds – an open-air show titled *Water – Light – Sound*

21.30 Return walk to the Royal Castle Square

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8:30 - 9:00 Welcome coffee

9.00 - 10.30 STATE AID TO R&D&I AND COOPERATION BETWEEN PUBLIC RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND UNDERTAKINGS. PANEL DISCUSSION ON STATE AID RULES FOR R&D&I
Moderator:
Mikołaj Stasiak, Easy State Aid Kaznowski Stasiak Sp. J.

Speakers:

Paolo Cesarini, Head of R&D, Innovation and Risk Capital Unit, DG Competition, European Commission,

Leszek Grabarczyk, Deputy Director of National Centre for Research and Development, Poland,

Aleksandra Pruska, Head of Unit in the Managing Department for Competitiveness and Innovation Programmes, Ministry of Regional Development, Poland

Adam Leśniewski, Head of the laboratory, Arso Polański Sp. z o.o.

Matters to discuss:
• cooperation between research institutions and undertakings
• commercialization of results of research projects
• commercial use of public R&D infrastructure financed by the European funds

10.10 - 10.30 Questions and answers

10.30 - 10.50 Coffee break

10.50 - 11.50 STATE AID INCLUDED IN FISCAL MEASURES

10.50 - 11.10 Present challenges of implementing the existing state aid rules and state aid jurisprudence relating to direct business taxation and charges

Conor Quigley QC, Serle Court, Lincoln's Inn, London

11.10 - 11.30 Application of the state aid rules to measures relating to direct business taxation. Examples from case law - British aggregates, Danish Gaming charge case, Gibraltar-case, the case of the Azores

Lena Sandberg-Morch, Head of Division, Competition and State Aid Directorate, EFTA Surveillance Authority, Brussels

11.30 - 11.50 Questions and answers

11.50 - 12.00 OFFICIAL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE

Małgorzata Kozak, Vice President of the Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection

Preben Sandberg Pettersson, Head of State Aid Division, Ministry of Business and Growth, Denmark

12.00 - 13.15 Lunch