

MaCCI / EPoS Workshop on the EU Merger Guidelines

with the participation of members from DG Comp, European Commission

1 – 2 October 2025, Mannheim

Workshop venue: Room 4.57/58, L7 3-5, 68161 Mannheim, Germany

start: Wednesday, October 1 at 5.30 pm

end: Thursday, October 2 at 5 pm

The European Commission is currently revising its Merger Guidelines. This workshop, which is organized in collaboration with the European Commission's Chief Economist Team, explores current economic topics regarding the analysis of mergers.

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, 1 October 2025

17:30 – 19:00 **Session I: SETTING THE STAGE**
(MODERATOR: HANS ZENGER)

19.30 – **WORKSHOP DINNER**

THURSDAY, 2 October 2025

09:00 – 10:15 **Session II: STRUCTURAL PRESUMPTIONS VERSUS EFFECTS-BASED ANALYSIS**
(MODERATOR: NICOLAS SCHUTZ)

10:15 – 10:45 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:45 – 12:15 **Session III: INNOVATION EFFICIENCIES**
(MODERATOR: MARTIN PEITZ)
WITH A SHORT PRESENTATION BY MATIAS PIETOLA

12:15 – 13:45 **LUNCH**

13:45 – 15:00 **Session IV: ENTRENCHMENT OF MARKET POWER IN DYNAMIC MARKETS**
(MODERATOR: VOLKER NOCKE)

15:00 – 15:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

15:30 – 16:45 **Session V: VERTICAL MERGERS BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE**
(MODERATOR: BENEDIKT HERZ)

16:45 – 17:00 **WRAPPING UP**
(MODERATOR: EMANUELE TARANTINO)

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