

EU Competition Law Summit

Vathy Culture Centre, Vathy, Ithaca
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“When you set out on your journey to Ithaca, pray the
road is long, full of adventure, full of knowledge.”

— Excerpt from the poem “Ithaca” by Cavafy (1911)



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Programme

DAY 1: Thursday, August 23rd

REGISTRATION & COFFEE: 12.30-13.15

Welcome to the Conference & Introduction: **Lefkothea Nteka** (Commissioner, Hellenic Competition Authority)

Session 1: Enforcement & Review in Competition Matters (13.30–15.30)

Chair: **Professor Alison Jones** (King's College London)

Judge Marc van der Woude (General Court, Luxembourg) — *Assessments of Complex Economic Issues by a Review Court*

Professor Renato Nazzini (King's College London) — *The Arbitration of Competition Law Disputes*

Professor William Kovacic (King's College London/George Washington University, DC) — *US Antitrust Policy under the Trump Administration*

COFFEE BREAK: 15.30–16.00

Session 2: Behavioural Practices — Evolving Standards (16.00–18.00)

Chair: **Nicholas Hirst** (MLex, Brussels)

Assimakis Komninou (Partner, White & Case, Brussels/University College London) — *What Can Private Enforcement teach Public Enforcement in Article 102 Cases?*

Professor Pablo Ibáñez Colomo (London School of Economics/College of Europe, Bruges) — *Finding the Appropriate Legal Standard by which to Assess Competition Law Violations*

Massimiliano Kadar (Deputy Head of Unit C.1, DG Competition, European Commission/King's College London) — *Applying Article 102 to rebates in the Wake of the Intel Judgment: the Qualcomm case*

Caní Fernández (Partner, Cuatrecasas, Madrid) — *The Use of Presumptions and Burdens of Proof in Competition Law Cases: The Intel Saga*

DAY 2: Friday, August 24th

Session 3: Merger Policy - Current and Emerging Trends (10.00-12.00)

Chair: **Karim Lesina** (Vice President, AT&T, Brussels)

Professor Tommaso Valletti (Chief Economist, DG Competition, European Commission) — *The Commission's Current Thinking on Merger Enforcement: Substantive and Procedural Dimensions*

Jorge Padilla (Senior Managing Director, CompassLexecon, Madrid) — *Mergers and Innovation*

Nikolaos Peristerakis (Counsel, Linklaters, Brussels) — *The Treatment of Efficiencies Defences under EU Merger Control: A Practitioner's View*

COFFEE BREAK: 12.00-12.30

Session 4: Regulatory Policy Meets Antitrust Paradigms (12.30–14.30)

Chair: **Nicholas Hirst** (MLex, Brussels)

Professor Martin Cave OBE (London School of Economics) — *Assessing Platform Mergers in Practice*

Dr. Katerina Maniadaki (Ofcom, London) — *Net Neutrality At the Crossroads: Developments in EU Practice*

Peter Alexiadis (Partner, Gibson Dunn, Brussels/King's College London) — *Understanding How Regulatory Standards Influence Competition Law Standards in the Assessment of Abusive Conduct*

Spyros Droukopoulos (Senior Consultant, Oxera, Brussels) — *Most Favoured Nation Clauses: Competition Enforcement in the Face of Regulatory Intervention*

How to register

Conference registration occurs through the [Chillin' Competition website](#), using the facilities of Eventbrite at [Ithaca Competition Summit](#).

The fees are set at a level only to cover organisational costs only, namely, €160 for practitioners and €40 for currently enrolled students on competition law courses in any part of the world. Seating is limited strictly to 120 participants. Oxford University Press has kindly offered to publish the conference papers in a Yearbook available electronically and in hard copy, which will be made available to all conference participants.

For any further questions about the Ithaca Competition Summit, please contact Ithaca.Summit@gmail.com.

How to get there

To reach the Ionian island of **Ithaca**, you will need to arrive by either ferry or sea taxi as there is no airport on Ithaca. The closest airport is on the neighboring island of **Kefalonia** (Argostoli airport), which receives daily domestic flights from **Athens** (Aegean Airlines), and the trip takes just less than an hour. There are also many direct scheduled flights in summer from European airports to Kefalonia (including London, Amsterdam, Rome and various airports in Germany), as well as charter flights. After arriving by plane to Kefalonia, visitors can take the scheduled ferry service or arrange for a water taxi from the port of Sami to Ithaca.

The other airports worth considering are **Preveza** and **Araxos**, both on the mainland. These smaller regional airports have a number of charter flights during the summer season. From Preveza, one can drive easily over the bridge to the island of **Lefkada** and ferry to Ithaca, while from Araxos in the Peloponnese one can drive to the port of **Patra**, which has a daily ferry service to Ithaca.

Alternatively, one can drive (on the recently-opened motorway) from Athens airport to the west coast of the mainland and take a ferry from the ports of **Patra** (240kms), **Astakos** (320kms) or **Kyllini** (320kms). The ferries from Patra and Astakos go directly to Ithaca, while the Kyllini ferry goes to the port of Poros on Kefalonia, so you would need to drive to Sami to pick up the scheduled ferry or water taxis to Ithaca.

If you are interested in some island hopping, there is a flight service (**Sky Express**) from Corfu to Kefalonia, and a new hydrofoil island hopping ferry service which covers the Ionian islands of Corfu, Paxos, Ithaca, Kefalonia and Zakynthos which will begin in May 2018. As Ithaca can be readily accessed from the respective islands of **Kefalonia** and **Lefkada**, both of which are renowned for their European Blue Flag beaches, the hiring of a car to take advantage of island hopping possibilities is often seen as a useful option.



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