

# Seminar on European Competition Law

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## COMPETITION LAB FOR JUDGES

### Horizontal Cooperation Agreements

 Budapest, Hungary

 29-30 May 2025

### Seminar objectives

The seminar will focus on horizontal cooperation agreements. It is designed to sketch out a general analytical framework for assessing cooperation agreements between competitors by carefully looking at every step of the assessment, from the notion of competitor to new developments with regards to the ancillary restraints doctrine to the conditions of exemption and their application in specific cases. It will then explore traditional forms of cooperation between competitors, e.g., **purchasing agreements**, **joint bidding** and **network sharing agreements**, as well as newer forms of cooperation that aim to serve the aim of a digital and green economy. Exchanges of information will also be addressed in their many forms and functions.

## Agenda

### Thursday, 29 May 2025

09.30-10.00	Welcome remarks, Group photo
10.00-10.15	Questionnaire exercise – What do you know?
10.15-11.15	Cooperation agreements between competitors – Analytical framework
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.30	Restrictions of competition by object and effect – Analytical framework
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	Exemption of horizontal cooperation agreements – Analytical framework
15.00-15.15	Coffee Break
15.15-16.15	Exchange of information – Analytical framework and case examples
16.15-17.30	Hypothetical Case Exercise
19.00-22.00	Welcome dinner



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## Friday, 30 May 2025

09.15-10.15	<b>Purchasing agreements – Analytical framework and case examples</b>
10.15-10.30	<b>Coffee break</b>
10.30-11.30	<b>Innovation, industrial policy and food chain</b>
11.30-12.45	<b>Hypothetical Case Exercise</b>
12.45-14.00	<b>Lunch</b>
14.00-15.15	<b>Other cases of (non)-permissible cooperation between competitors</b>
15.15-15.30	<b>Coffee break</b>
15.30-16.45	<b>Hypothetical Case Exercise</b>
16.45-17.15	<b>Kahoot game!</b>
17.15-17.30	<b>Questionnaire exercise – What do you know now?</b>