

ZEW Conference on the Ex-post Evaluation of Competition Policy

3 June 2009 in Mannheim, Germany

The Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) is pleased to announce its conference on the ex-post evaluation of competition policy. It aims at bringing together legal and economic scholars in competition law and economics as well as practitioners in the various competition authorities, legal counsel and economic consultancy firms to discuss recent developments in the ex-post evaluation of competition policy. A special emphasis lies on the use of up-to-date quantitative methods in ex-post evaluation as well as the policy implications of recent research.

Topics of Interest:

Theoretical, empirical and policy oriented contributions in the evaluation of competition policy in general and in subcategories such as mergers, horizontal and vertical agreements or abuses of dominant positions are equally welcome. A non-exhaustive list of topics is:

- Goals of ex-post evaluation – Welfare standards for ex-post evaluation
- Design of competition policy institutions –
Efficiency of competition agency organization and procedures
- Economic effects of competition laws –
Economic effects of intervening and non-intervening decisions
- Incentives for compliance with competition laws –
Incentive schemes of competition authorities
- Remedies and sanctions in competition policy
- Deterrent effects of competition enforcement
- Ex-post assessment of merger decisions – Advances in merger simulations
- Welfare effects of cartel detection – Quantification of cartel damages
- Pro-competitive and anticompetitive effects of vertical agreements
- Ex-post evaluation of dominant firm practices
- Event studies in ex-post evaluation

Invited Speakers:

- **Stephen Davies**, University of East Anglia, Norwich
- **William E. Kovacic**, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC

Scientific Committee:

- **Tomaso Duso**, Humboldt University Berlin and WZB
- **Ulrich Kaiser**, University of Zürich, ZEW, Copenhagen Business School and University of Copenhagen
- **Massimo Motta**, European University Institute, Università di Bologna, CEPR and CESifo
- **Martin Peitz**, University of Mannheim, ZEW and CEPR
- **Thomas Roende**, Copenhagen Business School, ZEW and University of Copenhagen
- **Maarten P. Schinkel**, University of Amsterdam, ACLE, ENCORE and CEPR
- **Frank Verboven**, K.U. Leuven and CEPR
- **Jürgen Weigand**, WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management

Local Organising Committee:

Kai Hüschelrath – Nina Leheyda

Submission of Papers or Abstracts:

Full papers as well as extended abstracts may be submitted. All proposals must include the following information: An abstract of up to 500 words, authors' full name and affiliation, contact details for corresponding author, such as address, phone, and e-mail.

All papers or abstracts should be submitted electronically to the organising committee via the e-mail address evalcomp2009@zew.de as doc or pdf files (preferably pdf) no later than 15 March 2009. Proposals must be in English. Proposals will be peer reviewed. Authors of accepted papers or abstracts will be notified no later than 15 April 2009. Presenters may be kindly asked to discuss another paper. Young researchers are particularly encouraged to submit proposals.

Registration Fee:

The conference fee is € 100. For participants who present a paper, the conference fee is reduced to € 75. The registration fee covers conference materials, coffee breaks, and the lunch break. We have a limited budget to cover some travel and accommodation expenses of presenters. An informal get-together is planned on the evening of 2 June 2009.

Further Information:

The conference website at www.zew.de/evalcomp2009 will provide updated information concerning registration details, travel and accommodation facilities, etc.



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