



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

SEMINAR ON THE APPLICATION OF STATE AID RULES FOR NATIONAL JUDGES

18 June 2020 – 19 June 2020

Sofia, Bulgaria

Speakers:

1. Judge from the Court of Justice of the EU (to be confirmed)
2. Prof. Dr. Ivan Stoynev, Competition Law Professor at Sofia University
3. Péter Staviczky, State aid Expert, Attaché for State Aid, Hungarian Permanent Representation, Brussels (to be confirmed)
4. Mariya Veselinova, Head of Department, State Aid Directorate, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria

Part 1:

The Notion of State Aid - *how to determine whether a measure constitutes State aid*

Review of the Commission Notice on the Notion of State aid, incl. the notion and case law on:

- Economic Activity
- Selectivity
- Effect on Trade
- State aid and Infrastructure

Part 2:

Enforcement of State Aid rules by National Courts

The Role of National Courts in the application and enforcement of the State aid rules:

- Application of State aid law by national courts - Commission Notice on the enforcement of State aid law by national courts
- National recovery procedures: how to guarantee an effective and immediate enforcement of the Commission's decisions. The role of national judges
- The EU Commission and national courts: the Commission's support to national courts
- Case law of the EU Courts

Part 3:

Specifics of Services of General Economic Interest

- The 2012 SGEI package and recent case law
- SGEIs in different sectors

Part 4:

State Aid Modernisation and its implementation

- State Aid rules in different sectors
- Review of *de minimis* rules
- EU funds and State aid