



European Competition Forum

Brussels, 2 February 2012

8:00 – 16:30 [Welcome desk open](#)

8:30 – 9:00 [Welcome coffee](#)

9:00 – 9:15 **Keynote speech**

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

9:15 – 10:45 **Competition Policy and Competitiveness**

Moderator: **Kai-Uwe Kühn**, Chief Economist, Competition DG, European Commission

Speakers: **Sharon Bowles**, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee

Agnete Gersing, Director General, Danish Competition Authority

Leif Johansson, Chairman, Ericsson and European Round Table of Industrialists

Ren Zhengfei, CEO, Huawei Technologies

10:45 - 11:15 [Coffee](#)

11:15 – 11:45 **Keynote speech**

Joaquín Almunia, Vice-President of the European Commission and member responsible for Competition Policy

11:45 – 13:30 **State Aid control at a cross-road:
Reform initiatives to strengthen the Single market**

Moderator: **Alex Barker**, EU correspondent, Financial Times

Speakers: **Mercedes Bresso**, President, Committee of the Regions

Vítor Gaspar, Minister of State and Finance, Portugal

Gert Jan Koopman, Deputy Director-General for state aid, Competition DG, European Commission

Wolfgang Kopf, Senior Vice President Public & Regulatory Affairs, Deutsche Telekom. Convenor of the European Round Table of Industrialists Working Group on Competition Policy

André Sapir, Professor of Economics, Université Libre de Bruxelles

13:30 – 15:00 [Buffet Lunch](#)

15:00 – 16:30 **The European Competition Model**

Moderator: **Robert McLeod**, CEO of MLex Ltd, Editor-in-Chief of MLex market intelligence

Speakers: **Hendrik Bourgeois**, Vice-President, European Affairs, GE. Chair of AmCham EU

Carles Esteva Mosso, Director for Policy and Strategy, Competition DG, European Commission

John Fingleton, Chief Executive, Office of Fair Trading, Chair of the International Competition Network Steering Group

Eleanor M. Fox, Professor of Trade Regulation, New York University School of Law

Marc van der Woude, Judge, General Court of the European Union

16:30 – 17:00 **Closing address**

Alexander Italianer, Director-General, Competition DG, European Commission