

International conference

Competition and regulation in network industries

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Reform and innovation in times of crisis

The State's rescue intervention in sectors which had been liberalized some time ago and were thought to be able to function through market-mechanism alone highlights the importance of conducting well-thought and accompanied reforms. But the current economic crisis and ensuing return of governments to economic affairs should not distract us from the necessity to manage the reforms of network industries. To the contrary, it should serve as a time to reflect on the pace, scope of the reforms that need to be carried out as well as of the role the various stakeholders are bound to play.

In this framework, the second annual conference on competition and regulation in network industries will address regulatory reforms in times of crisis. Given the weight of infrastructures in the economic stimulus plan, it will also investigate investment in utilities. To avoid a gloom and doom perspective, the conference will also address regulatory and technological innovation in network industries.

The conference takes a multi-disciplinary approach and explores the legal, economic, institutional and public policy aspects of this fundamental reform of network industries. In doing so, it highlights dominant current trends and issues affecting various network-based and network-related industries through parallel sessions, including but not restricted to:

- Innovation in network industries
- EU infrastructure policy

- Infrastructure investment in times of crisis
- Liberalization models for network industries
- Challenges in network industry regulation
- Sector-specific issues

Keynote speakers

In addition to the parallel sessions, the conference will have two keynote speeches by leading academics in the field of regulation and network industries.

Important dates

Deadline for panel submission: 15 April 2009

Deadline for paper proposals: 1 June 2009

Notification of acceptance: 1 July 2009

Final paper submission: 1 October 2009

Further details

For further information about the conference, submission, registration and detailed programme, please visit: <<http://www.jcrni.org/ocs/index.php/crni/2009>>

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