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In order to enforce competition law within the European Union, the European Commission and the NCAs are entitled to conduct inspections. This seminar will analyse in details the powers of the Commission's officials, as well as the role of NCAs and national judges during such inspections. The discussion will also address the rights of the parties and provide in house counsels and lawyers in private practice with a better understanding of the proceedings.

Key topics

- The regulatory framework of the Commission's power concerning the inspections
- Rights of private parties: the level of protection before the European courts and the ECtHR
- The role of national judges during the inspections
- The inspections conducted by the NCAs and the exportation of standards for the protection of parties' rights

Who should attend?

Judges, members of the competition authorities, lawyers in private practice, in house counsels.

Speakers

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THE CONDUCT OF INSPECTIONS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF EU COMPETITION LAW

Barcelona, 13-14 September 2012

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English/Spanish

Event number: 212DT12

Thursday, 13 September 2012

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants

09:30 **Welcome and introduction**
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I. EC REGULATION 1/2003 AND THE COMMISSION INSPECTIONS

Chair:

9:45 **The state of play in the application of EC Reg. 1/2003**

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Lessons learned from the inspections : dos and don'ts**

[Commission Representative]

[lawyer]

12:00 Discussion

12:30 **Rights of private parties during "dawn raids": the protection provided before the European courts and the ECtHR**

[ECJ referendaire]

13:15 Discussion

13:30 Lunch

II. THE ROLE OF NATIONAL JUDGES DURING THE INSPECTIONS

Chair:

15:00 **Assessing non-arbitrariness and non-excessiveness of Commission's coercive measures**

[French judge]

[Lawyer]

15:45 Discussion

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 **Exporting standards of protection in cases of re-allocation**

[Judge]

[Lawyer]

17:15 Discussion

17:30 End of the first day

Friday, 14 September 2012

III. COMPARING NATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Chair:

9:30 **The inspections conducted by NCAs: How to enhance the application of EU law in the absence of harmonized rules ?**

[NCA representative]

10:30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Round table: national perspectives on the role of the judiciary**

[Spanish Judge]

[Judge]

[Judge]

12:30 Discussion

13:00 End of the conference

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