

ACE 2026 DRAFT PROGRAM

12-13 November 2026

Toulouse School of Economics

12 NOVEMBER 2026 Thursday

08h30-09h00 Registration

09h00-09h10 Opening and Welcome

09h10-10h30 Plenary I: Dynamic capabilities, effects and efficiencies in the new merger guidelines – Amphitheatre 2 Rempart

Annemiek Wilpshaar [DG Competition], Giulio Federico [Oxera], Jorge Padilla [Compass Lexecon], Xavier Vives [IESE Business School]

Chair: Ethel Fonseca [RBB Economics]

10h30-11h10 Coffee Break – Bâtiment Rempart

11h10-12h20 Parallel Sessions A (Auditorium JJL A3 - Auditorium 5 / Auditorium 6)

A.1 EC Antitrust Microsoft Teams (AT.40721 / AT.40873)	A.2 National Merger Demant / Kind	A.3 National Antitrust Cartel Damages
Antitrust	Merger	Cartel damages
Moderator: Antonio Buttà (AGCM)	**Moderator:** Chris Doyle (CMA)	**Moderator:** Patricia Lorenzo (Compass Lexecon)
Agency: David Kovo (European Commission) **Consultant:** Matteo Foschi (CRA) **Academic discussant:** Leonardo Madio (University of Padua)	**Agency:** Marcel Baltz and Martin Kersting (Bundeskartellamt) **Consultant:** Hans Friederiszick and Bas Dessens (E.CA Economics) **Academic discussant:** Germain Gaudin (University of Freiburg)	**Agency:** Ana Viejo (CNMC) **Consultant:** Casilda Prado (RBB) **Academic discussant:** Marc Ivaldi (Toulouse School of Economics)

12h20-13h30 Lunch – Bâtiment Rempart

13h30-14h20 Keynote Speech – Amphitheatre 2 Rempart

Delivered by: Patrick Rey [TSE]

Introduced by: Griet Jans [Belgian Competition Authority]

14h20-15h40 Plenary II: Article 102 - Amphitheatre 2 Rempart

Amaryllis Mueller [Cleary Gottlieb], Benoit Durand [RBB Economics], Lluis Sauri [DG Competition], Massimo Motta [UPF and Barcelona School of Economics]

Chair: Adina Claici [BRG]

15h40-16h20 Coffee Break

16h20-17h30 Parallel Sessions B - (Auditorium JJL A3 - Auditorium 5 / Auditorium 6)

B.1 National Antitrust Tapwell (RPM-case)	B.2 National Merger Getty Images / Shutterstock	B.3 EC Policy Session Energy State Aid
Antitrust	Merger	State aid
Moderator: Kenneth Baltzer (DCCA)	**Moderator:** Francesca Sala (Oxera)	**Moderator:** Theon van Dijk (RBB)
Agency: Martin Mandorff and Diego Gomez Ruales (Swedish Competition Authority) **Consultant:** Petter Berg and Jimmy Gårdebrink (RBB) **Academic discussant:** Yossi Spiegel (Tel Aviv University)	**Agency:** Maddy Dibble and Cecilia Rossi (CMA) **Consultant:** Liam Connelly (CRA) **Academic discussant:** Emilio Calvano (LUISS)	**Agency:** Zlata JAKUBOVIC (European Commission) **Consultant:** Hugo Talbot (Oxera)/ Fabien Roques (Compass Lexecon) **Academic discussant:** Estelle Cantillon (ULB)

17h30-18h40 Parallel Sessions C – (Auditorium JJL A3 - Auditorium 5 / Auditorium 6)

C.1 EC Merger Naspers/Jet	C.2 National Merger **Oximesa / Esteve Teijin**	C.3 National Merger **Aeon / Tsuruha Retail Merger**
Minority shareholdings	Merger	Merger
Moderator: Alexis Walckiers (ECA)	**Moderator:** Steffen Siries (Solve)	**Moderator:** Cyril Hariton (Analysis Group)
Agency: Stefano Callari (European Commission) **Consultant:** Tamrat Shone (Oxera) **Academic discussant:** Albert Banal-Estañol (UPF)	**Agency:** Ane Miren Martín (CNMC) **Consultant:** Soledad Pereiras (Compass Lexecon) **Academic discussant:** Elena Argentesi (University of Bologna)	**Agency:** Shungo Omiya (Japan Fair Trade Commission) **Consultant:** Keita Fukunaga (AlixPartners) **Academic discussant:** Claire Chambolle (INRAE)

20h00-22h15 Conference Dinner

19h45 Arrival with drinks

20h30 Dinner

13 NOVEMBER 2026 Friday

09h00-10h20 Plenary III: Digital Regulation and Antitrust: A State of Play - Amphitheatre 2 Rempart

Elisabetta Iossa [AGCM], Liliane Karlinger [DG Competition], Michael Katz [UC Berkeley Economics], Benno Buehler [CRA]

Chair: Kirsten Edward Warren [Econic Partners]

10h20-11h00 Best Paper Award - Amphitheatre 2 Rempart

David Byrne, Nicolas de Roos, Matthew Lewis, Leslie M. Marx and Xiaosong Wu
"Asymmetric Information Sharing in Oligopoly: A Natural Experiment in Retail Gasoline"

Introduced by: **Alexandre de Cornière [TSE]**

11h00-11h30 Coffee Break

11h30-12h40 Parallel Sessions D - (Auditorium JJL A3 - Auditorium 5 / Auditorium 6)

D.1 EC Merger Mars / Kellanova	D.2 National Merger CUF / HPA	D.3 Joint Policy Session Veterinary Market Investigation
Merger	Merger	Market investigation
Moderator: Joan de Solà-Morales (RBB)	**Moderator:** Paulo Abecasis (Copenhagen Economics)	**Exchange between agencies**
Agency: Benedikt HERZ (European Commission) **Consultant:** Max Schlosser (Oxera); Matthew Bennett (CRA) **Academic discussant:** Flavio Toxvaerd (University of Cambridge)	**Agency:** Mariana Costa and Ruben Bento (Autoridade da Concorrencia) **Consultant:** Bernardo Sarmento (Compass Lexecon) **Academic discussant:** Hugo Molina (INRAE)	**Agencies:** Gordon McKinlay (CMA) and Jan Tichem (ACM) **Consultants:** Grant Saggers (NERA) and Mike Owen (Frontier Economics)

12h40-13h40 Short Lunch – Bâtiment Rempart

13h40-15h00 Plenary IV: Beyond competition: broader goals in the revised merger guidelines - Amphitheatre 2 Rempart

Gregor Langus [Cornerstone Research], Ali Yurukoglu [Stanford Graduate School of Business], Natalia Fabra [CEMFI], Paul de Bijl [ACM]

Chair : **Ana Sofia Rodrigues [Portuguese Competition Authority]**

15h00-15h10 Closing Remarks

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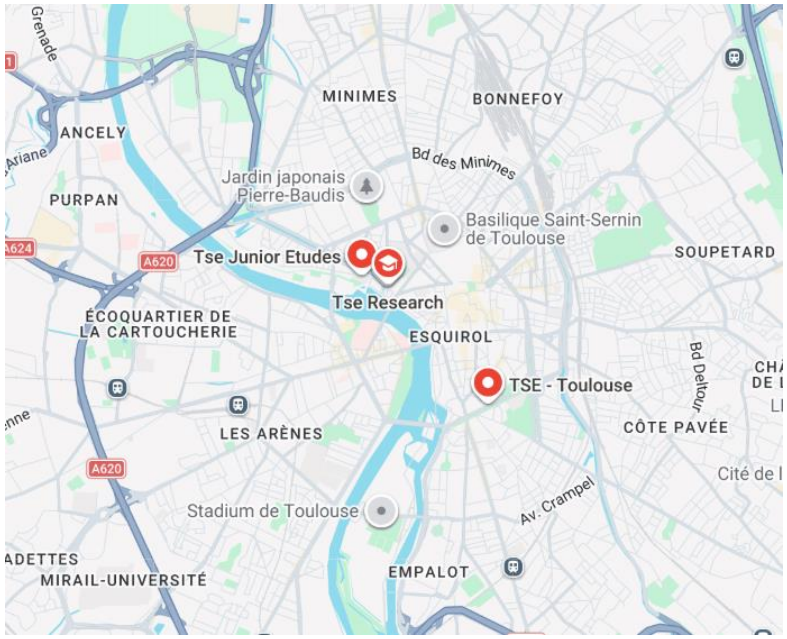
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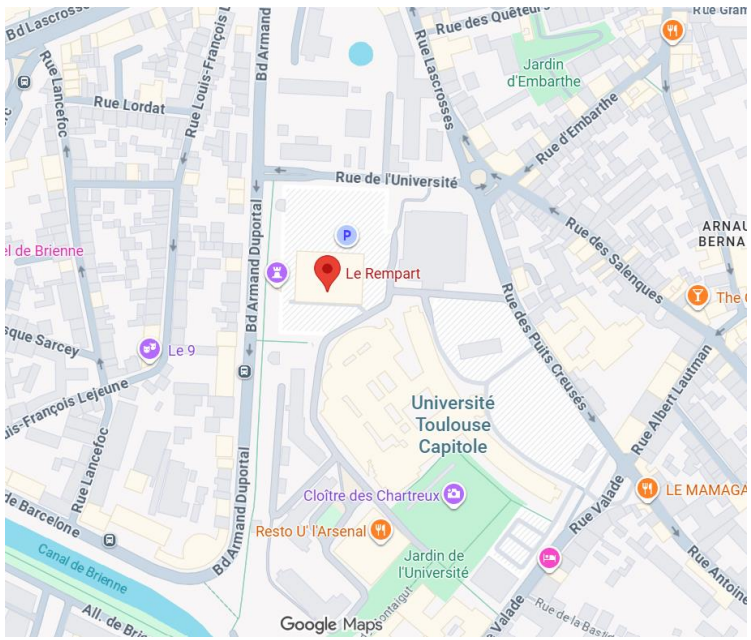
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