

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], Academic discussant [TBC]

Chair: Ethel Fonseca [RBB Economics]

10h30-11h10 Coffee Break – Bâtiment Rempart

11h10-12h20 Parallel Sessions A (Auditorium JLL 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)	Agency: Marcel Baltz and Martin Kersting (Bundeskartellamt)	Agency: TBC
Consultant: Matteo Foschi (CRA)	Consultant: Hans Friederiszick and Bas Dessens (E.CA Economics)	Consultant: Casilda Prado (RBB)
Academic discussant: TBC	Academic discussant: Germain Gaudin (University of Freiburg)	Academic discussant: TBC

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], Lluís 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	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 (Swedish Competition Authority)	Agency: Maddy Dibble and Cecilia Rossi (CMA)	Agency: Zlata JAKUBOVIC (European Commission)
Consultant: Petter Berg (RBB)	Consultant: Liam Connelly and Oliver Latham (CRA)	Consultant: Hugo Talbot (Oxera)/ TBC (Compass Lexecon)
Academic discussant: Yossi Spiegel (Tel Aviv University)	Academic discussant: Emilio Calvano (LUISS)	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 Antitrust TBC	C.3 National Merger Aeon / Tsuruha Retail Merger
Minority shareholdings	Abuse of dominance / Article 102	Merger
Moderator: Alexis Walckiers (ECA)		Moderator: Cyril Harinton (Analysis Group)
Agency: Stefano CALLARI (European Commission)		Agency: Shungo Omiya (Japan Fair Trade Commission)
Consultant: Tamrat Shone (Oxera)		Consultant: Keita Fukunaga (AlixPartners)
Academic discussant: Albert Banal-Estañol (UPF)		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], Oliver Latham [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: TBC	Exchange between agencies
Agency: Benedikt HERZ (European Commission)	Agency: Mariana Costa and Ruben Bento (Autoridade da Concorrença)	Agencies: Gordon McKinlay (CMA) and Jan Tichem (ACM)
Consultant: Max Schlosser (Oxera); Matthew Bennett (CRA)	Consultant: Bernardo Sarmiento (Compass Lexecon)	Consultants: Grant Saggars (NERA) and Kate Bolger (Frontier Economics)
Academic discussant: TBC	Academic discussant: TBC	

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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