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| **Module title** | *Review of the legal parameters of mergers and acquisitions* | |
| **Dates** | Thursday, 22nd June 2017 | |
| **Instructor** | Dimitris Loukas, Attorney-at-Law, Law Firm Potamitis Vekris, Athens  (former Vice-President Hellenic Competition Commission) | |
| **Module description** | | |
| The objective of the module is to provide participants with a comprehensive and in-depth knowledge of EU merger control rules, focusing both on substantive law provisions as well as on the procedural and practical aspects of enforcing them. In addition, the module aims to provide participants with a better understanding of the economic and business context in which EU merger rules are applied. The same principles (notably regarding the competitive assessment of concentrations) are followed also by the Hellenic Competition Commission when applying national merger control rules. | | |
| **Training outcomes** | | |
| By the end of the course, participants will have acquired a good understanding of EU merger control rules. The objective is to get participants acquainted with key legal and economic notions regarding the assessment of mergers, acquisitions & full-function JVs (many of which are equally useful when also applying Articles 102 and 101 EC Treaty, e.g. market definition, competitive assessment, market power, barriers to entry, countervailing buyer power, efficiencies etc., thereby complementing the key tenets of the training seminar as a whole). | | |
| **Training materials/bibliography** | ***Training materials***   * PowerPoint presentation – Jurisdictional aspects * PowerPoint presentation – Competitive Assessment * PowerPoint presentation – Case Study (Olympic/Aegean I & II) * EU Consolidated Jurisdictional Notice (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2008:095:0001:0048:EL:PDF>) * EU Guidelines for the assessment of concentrations (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/legislation/notices_on_substance.html>)   ***Bibliography***   * Δίκαιο του ελεύθερου ανταγωνισμού (επιμ. Δ. Τζουγανάτος), Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη 2013 * Daniel Gore, Stephen Lewis, Frances Dethmers & Andrea Lofaro, The Economic Assessment of Mergers Under European Competition Law, Cambridge University Press 2013 * Bellamy & Child, European Union law of competition, 7th ed. 2015 update pack, OUP 2015 * Nicholas Levy, European Merger Control Law: A Guide to the Merger Regulation (looseleaf), LexisNexis 2015 * Richard Whish & David Bailey, Competition Law, 8th ed. OUP 2015 * Jonathan Faull & Ali Nikpay, The EU law of competition, 3rd ed. OUP 2014 | |
| **Teaching Methodology** | * Use of PowerPoint presentations (jurisdictional aspects, competitive assessment) in a lecture format * Case studies (Olympic/Aegean II) in an interactive/ discussion format * Q&As in a discussion format |  |
| **Language** | Greek | |