



ICEL Competition Law Conference 2026

In partnership with A&L Goodbody

9:30 – 10:00

Registration and Coffee

10:00 – 10:15

Welcome Address: “The Year in Review”

Alan McCarthy, A&L Goodbody, Conference Co-Chair

10:15 – 11:00

Panel I – Recent Developments and Trends

Chair: Maureen O’Neill, MON Legal Consulting and ComReg, Chief Adjudicator

The Bus Cartel case, and implications for future criminal and administrative cases

Tony McGillicuddy SC, Bar of Ireland

The Commission Agenda

Pedro Caro de Sousa, Commission Legal Service

Developments in the CJEU & GCEU

Bernadette Quigley SC, Bar of Ireland

11:00 – 11:30

Roundtable I – Future challenges of cross-border enforcement of competition law

Chair: Damien Ryan, A&L Goodbody

Emily Neill BL, Bar Library of Northern Ireland, Bar of Ireland, Blackstone Chambers

John Meade SC, John Meade Solicitors

Stephen Abram, Competition and Markets Authority

11:30 – 12:00

Morning Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:00

Panel II – Implementing the Competition (Amendment) Act 2022

Chair: The Hon. Ms Justice Nuala Butler, Court of Appeal

Preparing for the new Adjudication Procedure

Brian Kennedy SC, CCPC Chief Adjudicator and Bar of Ireland

Establishing competition tribunals – the view from the UK

The Hon. Sir Peter Roth, Chair and Former President, Competition Appeal Tribunal

Challenging decisions of the CCPC/ComReg and the Courts under the Act

Seán Guerin SC, Chair, Bar Council, Bar of Ireland

Questions and Discussion

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 14:45

Roundtable II – Merger Control, Investments in Critical Infrastructure and FDI Screening

Chair: Alan Scarlett, CCPC

Developments in Irish Merger Control

Dr Vincent Power SC, A&L Goodbody

Developments in EU Merger Control

Ronan Dunne, Philip Lee

FDI Screening

Kate McKenna, Matheson

Questions and Discussion

14:45 – 15:30

Roundtable III - Key Themes and Possible Future Developments in Competition Law

Chair: Jessica Egan, CCPC

Dawn Raids

Kate Egan BL, Bar of Ireland

No Poach Agreements

Anna-Marie Curran, A&L Goodbody

Collective Damages Actions

Catherine Derrig, McCann FitzGerald

15:30 – 16:00

Roundtable IV - Practical Problems & Challenges: Reflections on Issues Discussed

Chair: Barry Doherty SC, Bar of Ireland

Rapporteurs: Dervla Broderick & Damien Ryan, A&L Goodbody

16:00 – 16:15

Afternoon Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:00

Keynote: “The relationship between GDPR, Competition Law and the DMA”

Chair: Professor Imelda Maher, Sutherland School of Law, UCD

Speaker: Professor Orla Lynskey, UCL Laws

17:00 – 17:05

Closing: Ciarán Toland SC, ICEL Co-Chair