

2023 CDS Autumn Conference

Fairness in the Digital Age

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CDS – executive trainings in planning

- **Annual Training: 3rd edition; online; 5/6 weeks per module; dates to be confirmed:**
 - 7 Feb. – 13 March 2024: *Regulating Digital Infrastructure and Networks*.
 - 5 June – 3 July 2024: *Regulating Digital Platforms*.

- **ENTraNCE for Judges 2024**
 - 28 Feb. – 1 Mar. 2024: Residential training, EUI campus.
 - 25-27 Sept. 2023: Final workshop, EUI campus.

- 13 – 14 June 2024: **17th seminar for national judges on telecom regulation**, Brussels – DG CNECT.

- **Hybrid trainings:**
 - 9 - 12 April 2024: *Recent Development in Digital Regulation*. EUI campus, in cooperation with OECD (t.b.c.).
 - Oct. 2024: Autumn Competition School, *Recent Developments in Competition Policy*



CDS policy events in planning 2023/2024

■ Hybrid conferences (residential + Zoom):

- 29 Nov. 2023, *The SEP Regulation Proposal: Results of the Public Consultation and Institutional Perspectives*, EUI campus.
- 11-12 April 2024, CDS Scientific Seminar, *Regulators and Regulation in the Digital Era*. EUI campus.
- 29 - 31 May 2024: *32nd Postal Delivery and Economics Conference*, UPU headquarters, Bern.
- 17 - 18 June 2024: Summer Conference, jointly organised with OECD. EUI campus.

■ Webinars (Zoom):

- 14 Dec. 2023, *The Digital Markets Act: towards meaningful consumer choice in the digital age?*

Today's conference

- **Event background:**

- 1) 'Fairness' increasingly referred to in different EU policy domains.
- 2) Fairness in digital sector ➤ re-establish a balance relation between different stakeholders.
Examples:
 - 1) Fairness in sharing the investment costs in new telecom infrastructures.
 - 2) Fairness and welfare distribution in licensing of Standard Essential Patents (SEPs).
 - 3) Fairness and generative AI.
 - 4) Fairness in the regulation of digital platforms.
- 3) Meaning of fairness???

- **Key questions discussed during the Autumn Conference:**

- 1) Comprehensive definition of fairness across different EU policy areas?
- 2) Fairness as a political slogan v. long term enforcement implications?
- 3) Fairness v. consumer's welfare?

Autumn Conference - program

- **19 October 2023:**

- Panel 1 (14.15 – 15.30): *Fair Sharing in the Investment of Telecom Infrastructures.*
- Panel 2 (16.00 – 17.15): *Fairness in the Proposal for a SEP Regulation.*
- Panel 3 (17.15 – 18.30): *Fairness in the AI Act Proposal.*

- **20 October 2023:**

- Panel 4 (9.00 – 10.15): *Fairness in the Platform – End Users Relation.*
- Panel 5 (10.45 – 12.00): *Fairness in Platform – Business Users Relation and in Inter-Platforms Competition.*
- Panel 6 (13.30 – 14.30): *Fairness in Digital Regulation in the Rest of the World.*
- Policy roundtable (15.00 – 16.15): *Lessons from the Autumn Conference.*

Autumn Conference - information

- **Hybrid format:**
 - 1) The entire conference will be broadcasted via Zoom.
 - 2) Registered Zoom participants can:
 - a) Ask questions to the panelists via the chat box ➤ NO microphone and camera.
 - b) Reply to the poll questions.
- **After the conference:** video recordings will be available on the event webpage.
- Follow the Autumn conference on Twitter & LinkedIn: **#EUIDigital2023**.

Thank you for your attention!

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