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SUMMARY

Following the successful organization of the six previous annual editions, the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) at the European University Institute (EUI) welcomes applications from judges of EU Member States to participate in ENTraNCE for Judges 2017, a project co-financed by the Directorate General for Competition of the European Commission.

ENTraNCE for Judges is a training course addressed to 52 **national judges from EU Member States** interested in deepening their knowledge and sharing experience in EU competition law enforcement.

ENTraNCE for Judges 2017 provides an introduction to EU competition law and economics for judges who are less familiar with the subject. In addition, ENTraNCE for Judges 2017 focuses on the role played by national courts in the enforcement of EU State aid rules.

ENTraNCE for Judges 2017 is thus suitable both for judges who are beginners in EU competition law, as well as for judges who have already experience in the field.

Requirements to apply are:

- Having the nationality of one Member State of the European Union. Judges from Denmark and UK are not eligible to apply;
- Working as a judge in a national court of a EU Member State;
- Fair knowledge of English;
- Basic computer skills.

Participation in ENTraNCE for Judges 2017 is free of charge and travel and accommodation costs in Florence for the selected participants will be covered by the project.

AGENDA

- **January 2017:** online preparatory activities
- **2 - 4 February 2017:** 3 days of residential training in Florence

Main topics:

- i. Introduction to EU competition law (Art. 101-102 TFEU; public v. private enforcement)
 - ii. Definition of State aid in the light of EU Court of Justice case law
 - iii. Role of national courts in public enforcement of EU State aid law
 - iv. Role of national courts in private enforcement of State aid law
- **February - August 2017:** online activities through a user-friendly platform.

Participants will use the platform to compare the national cases of application of competition law through a guided online forum of discussion and analysis of case studies.

- **7 - 9 September 2017:** 3 days final workshop in Florence.
Final roundtable to discuss national experiences in the enforcement of the competition law.
- **September - October 2017:** online follow-up activities.

APPLICATION

Judges interested in participating in ENTraNCE for Judges 2017 can apply online

30 November 2016:

http://www.rscas.org/registration_form/?p=3477