

Day 1: The Green transition – how can the PRC’s Fair Competition Review System and the EU’s State Aid Framework contribute?

Monday 29 November 2021

Online session

Agenda

06:45 - 07:00 (Brussels) / 13:45 – 14:00 (Beijing)	Virtual room open
07:00 – 07:05 (Brussels) / 14:00 – 14:05 (Beijing)	Introduction Ms Hilary JENNINGS, Special Adviser on Competition Policy, Competition Cooperation Project
07:05 – 07:30 (Brussels) / 14:05 – 14:30 (Beijing)	Opening remarks Zhou Zhigao, Deputy Director General, Competition Policy Coordination Bureau, SAMR Mr Thomas DEISENHOFER, Principal Adviser, Ex-post Economic Evaluation, Directorate General for Competition, European Commission
Moderator: Ms Hilary JENNINGS, Special Adviser on Competition Policy, Competition Cooperation Project	
07:30 – 08:45 (Brussels) / 14:30 – 15:45 (Beijing) (with a 10-minute break)	Session I – Fair Competition Review System – experiences with balancing fair competition rules and environmental objectives Overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can FCRS assist in achieving wider environmental goals (e.g. promoting R&D and investments in environmentally sustainable industries, or negative consequences for activities harmful to the environment e.g. polluting factories)? ▪ Examples of application of FCRS to policies with positive or negative environmental impacts in line with wider government objectives. Presentation by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jin Jing, Director, Fair Competition Review Division, Competition Policy Coordination Bureau, SAMR (25 mins) Q&A

<p>08:45 – 10:00 (Brussels) / 15:45 – 17:00 (Beijing)</p>	<p>Session II: Balancing environmental objectives with State aid rules – adjusting the State aid framework</p> <p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State aid reforms to support the EU’s new Green Deal and sustainability objectives ▪ How can State aid framework address concerns, such as: limiting access to public funding for fossil fuels; systematically assessing environmental impact in State aid procedures; need for simplified rules that provide legal certainty and transparency of State aid initiatives that are potentially harmful to the environment; and supporting R&D and Investment projects. ▪ Practical examples ▪ Overview of reforms to the existing EU (i) Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and energy, (ii) The General Block Exemption Regulation, (iii) State aid rules on Important Projects of Common European interest; and (iv) other reforms to the framework <p>Presentation by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Alejandro DONNAY, Deputy Head of Unit, State Aid: Energy, Directorate General for Competition, European Commission (25 mins) <p>Q&A session</p>
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