European Competition Day
Programme (preliminary)

Monday, 7 September 2020
High Level Session

2:30 p.m.  Introductory words
Rupprecht Podszun, moderator

2:35 p.m.  Welcome Speech
Peter Altmaier, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy (Germany)

2:45 p.m.  Keynote Speech
Margrethe Vestager, Executive Vice-President, European Commission

3:05 p.m.  Panel discussion and Q&A
with Executive Vice-President Margrethe Vestager and Federal Minister Peter Altmaier

3:35 p.m.  Break

Session 1: Ensuring a level playing field between European companies and state owned or subsidised enterprises from third countries

4:20 p.m.  Introductory speech
Philipp Steinberg, Director General for Economic Policy, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Germany)

4:25 p.m.  Theses and poll
Rupprecht Podszun
4:30 p.m.  Presentation “The White Paper on an Instrument on Foreign Subsidies”
Carles Esteva Mosso, Deputy Director-General, DG COMP, European Commission

4:45 p.m.  Presentation
Alicia García-Herrero, BRUEGEL

4:55 p.m.  Interactive Panel:
Philipp Steinberg, Carles Esteva Mosso, Alicia García-Herrero, and Michiel Boots (Chief Economist, NLD)

5:55 p.m.  Closing words
Rupprecht Podszun

6:00 p.m.  End of the first event day

Tuesday, 8 September 2020
Session 2: A competition framework for the digital age

9:30 a.m.  Introductory words
Kristina Nordlander, moderator

9:35 a.m.  Statement (video)
Bruno Le Maire (tbc), Minister of the Economy and Finance (France)

9:40 a.m.  Presentation “Stimulating competition in the platform economy”
Damien Geradin, Geradin Partners

9:50 a.m.  Commentary on the presentation
Diane Coyle, University of Cambridge

10:00 a.m.  Theses and poll
Kristina Nordlander
10:05 a.m.  Presentation “B2B Platforms in Europe – challenges and growth in international competition”
Jörg Hellwig (CheMondis, Chief Digital Officer LANXESS) and Tim Milde (XOM, Chief Operating Officer)

10:20 a.m.  Interactive Panel
Damien Geradin, Diane Coyle, and Michael Esser (Latham & Watkins)

11:00 a.m.  Theses and poll
Kristina Nordlander

11:05 a.m.  Break

Session 3: Challenges for competition policy and authorities during international crises (such as the coronavirus)

11:20 a.m.  Introductory words
Kristina Nordlander

11:25 a.m.  Speech
Olivier Guersent, Director-General DG COMP, European Commission

11:40 a.m.  Input
Andreas Mundt, President, German Federal Cartel Office

11:50 a.m.  Input
Cani Fernández, President, Spanish Competition Authority

12:00 p.m.  Theses and poll,
Kristina Nordlander

12:05 p.m.  Interactive Panel
Olivier Guersent, Andreas Mundt, Cani Fernández
12:50 p.m.   Closing remarks
Claudia Dörr-Voß, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

1:00 p.m.   End of the second event day