



THE CLOUD:
DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

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The European Committee for Interoperable Systems (ECIS) is delighted to invite you to its traditional year-end event. This year, the event will focus on two related topics: the European Federated Cloud initiative and Digital Sovereignty in the first panel; and Cloud and Global Competitiveness, and implications for Platforms in the second panel. The expert keynote speakers in both panels will provide their point of view from a research angle, which will be followed by a reaction from industry and other stakeholders.

The expert panels will tackle key questions, such as:

- What constitutes sovereign Cloud in Europe?
- What about the relationship between Enterprise Cloud and Platforms?
- What pro-competitive measures are appropriate to ensure a level playing field in Europe?

AGENDA

Welcome and opening remarks by **Thomas Vinje**, Chairman of ECIS, Partner and Co-Chair of the Global Antitrust Group at Clifford Chance

Discussion chaired by **Lara Natale**, CERRE's Director for Tech, Media, Telecom

Przemyslaw Roguski, Lecturer in Law at the Jagiellonian University, cybersecurity and international law

Andreas Weiss, Head of Digital Business Models, Member of Eco Executive Board

Fabian Biegel, Senior Director and Sherpa for Digital Transformation at SAP SE

Oliver Latham, Vice President in Charles River Associates' European Competition Practice

Stephen Kinsella, Specialist Partner at Flint Global

Q&A for the general audience

Closing remarks by **Lara Natale**, Moderator

BIOGRAPHIES

Welcome, Introductory:



Thomas Vinje

Thomas Vinje is Partner and Co-Chair of the Global Antitrust group at Clifford Chance LLP, as well as the Co-Chair of the Firm's Public Policy Practice and Head of its Technology Sector Group. He is specialized in European Union antitrust and intellectual property law, especially in technology matters.

Thomas has authored numerous articles on intellectual property and competition issues. He lectures at the Universities of Amsterdam and Zurich and sits on the Board of Editors for 'Computer und Recht International' and 'European Intellectual Property Review'.

Thomas was named 'Lawyer of the Year' by Global Competition Review and has also been recognised as a leading competition expert by Chambers, Legal 500 and Expert Guides, with one client describing him as "one of the most exceptional competition lawyers in the world." (Chambers)

Panelist:



Przemysław Roguski

Przemysław Roguski is a Lecturer in Law at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków (Poland) and an expert on cybersecurity and international law at the Kościuszko Institute. His research focuses on the law of peacetime cyber operations and different aspects of international law relating to cybersecurity, ICT and internet governance. He is a former visiting fellow at the Hague Program for Cyber Norms and a regular speaker on cyber issues at international conferences and workshops (Hague Cyber Norms Conference 2018, CyCon 2019, CyCon 2020).

Przemysław holds law degrees from the University of Mainz (Germany), Trinity College Dublin (Ireland) and a PhD in international law from Jagiellonian University. His PhD thesis on "Cyber Operations in International Law" has been awarded the Marian Rejewski Prize by the Polish Ministry of Defence.

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Panelist:



Andreas Weiss

Andreas Weiss is a Head of Digital Business Models, eco Association of the Internet Industry Director, EuroCloud Germany and is responsible for the eco business unit “Digital Business Models” and member of the Executive Board of eco – Association of the Internet Industry. He is active for eco since 1998, initially for the competence group E-Business & Logistics and further on E-Business. Since 2010 he is assigned as Director EuroCloud Germany and since 2019 Board Member of Trusted Cloud Competence Network. In general he is engaged in various projects for Artificial Intelligence, Data Privacy and GDPR as well as security and compliance of digital services.

Panelist:



Fabian Biegel

Fabian Biegel is Senior Director and Sherpa for Digital Transformation at SAP SE. His focus is on Industrie 4.0, Artificial Intelligence, Platform Economics and Digital Business Models as well as Digital Sovereignty. In this role, Fabian is co-initiator of the GAIA-X initiative, SAP representative in the European GAIA-X Foundation and head of the Expert Tribe ‘Business Requirements and Business Mechanics’.

Fabian Biegel joined SAP 14 years ago as a consultant and solution architect for Business Intelligence. After further roles as Executive Director for Design & New Applications, as Operational Lead for the China Innovation Plan and in SAP Corporate Portfolio Management, he is now supporting the SAP Executive Board as Sherpa since 2015. In addition to his work at SAP, he founded the online platform Hatchup.Design for Collaborative Design Thinking in 2014 and served as Managing Director until 2019.

Fabian holds a degree in ‘Business Administration with technical Qualification’ from the Technical University of Kaiserslautern. He is a recognized expert of the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy and deputy spokesperson of the German Software Cluster.

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Panelist:



Oliver Latham

Oliver Latham is a Vice President in Charles River Associates' European Competition Practice. He specialises in the application of econometric techniques to competition assessments as well as in cases involving multi-sided platforms and innovative industries. His work covers mergers (including Ball/Rexam, INEOS/Solvay, LG/Ziggo, Microsoft/LinkedIn, PayPal/iZettle, Fox/Sky, AEG/SMG, Kongsberg/RRCM, Vodafone/Liberty Global, Uber/Yandex, Uber/Grab, Uber/Careem, Uber/Postmates, Visa/Plaid, PayPal/iZettle, PayPal/Honey, Amazon/Deliveroo); abuse of dominance (including working for complainants in the Google Android, AD Tech and Vertical Search cases, for Unilever in its response to concerns in relation to pricing of impulse ice cream, and a number of ongoing cases in the pharmaceuticals and technologies sector); damages litigation (including work for Visa in the ongoing payment card interchange fee litigation and for Alstom in relation to damages due to the Gas Insulated Switchgear cartel); and alleged anticompetitive agreements (e.g. alleged RPM by UK department stores and geo-blocking clauses in the Pay-TV and video games sectors).

Prior to joining CRA Dr Latham completed a PhD in Economics from the University of Cambridge, where he was also a teaching fellow in the Faculty of Economics and a consultant at the Centre for Policy Studies. His academic work has been published in the Economic Journal and he has also written on economic matters in publications such as the Sunday Times, Indian Express and Vox.

Panelist:



Stephen Kinsella

Stephen Kinsella advises clients on complex anti-trust, regulatory and policy developments and supports clients on a range of competition matters, with a particular focus on technology, pharmaceutical and media sectors.

Before joining Flint, Stephen was partner and head of the European Antitrust/Competition group at Sidley. He is a past chair of the competition and trade law committee of the International Bar Association and a past co-chair of the international committee of the American Bar Association section of antitrust law. He has over 30 years' experience of advising clients on all aspects of EU competition law.

In 2002, Stephen was awarded an OBE by Her Majesty the Queen for services to British commercial interests in Belgium and in particular for his contributions as president of the British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium and president of the Brussels Shakespeare Society. He has also been named a "Thought Leader" in Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders 2019 and one of the "Most Highly Regarded Individuals" on the Competition 2017 list of Who's Who Legal.

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Moderator:



Lara Natale

Lara Natale is CERRE's Director for Tech, Media, Telecom. She leads the think tank's research and activities related to these sectors.

Most recently, Lara co-led the Tech, Media, Telecoms practice at FTI Consulting in Brussels, providing strategic EU public policy and regulatory counsel to global businesses.

Prior to that, Lara was Attachée at the (then-named) UK Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels, negotiating digital, culture, skills and other legislation. She also led the Brussels secretariat of a migrants' rights NGO network, worked in two Westminster-based think tanks on UK social policies and in UK management consulting, and spent time teaching English in several countries, including Japan.

ABOUT ECIS

ECIS is an international non-profit association founded in 1989 that endeavours to promote a favourable environment for interoperable ICT solutions. It has actively represented its members on issues relating to interoperability and competition before European, international and national fora, including the EU institutions and WIPO.

ECIS' members include large and smaller information and communications technology hardware and software providers.

The association strives to promote market conditions in the ICT sector that ensure that there is vigorous competition on the merits and a diversity of consumer choice.

Any individual or organisation may apply to be admitted as a member of ECIS. In order to be admitted as a member, the applicant must show that it shares ECIS' philosophic views and aims, and that its conduct reflects this. Interested member candidates should contact the ECIS Secretariat at info@ecis.eu.

