

State Aid in Times of Transformation: Navigating a Paradigm Shift

Date: 4 December 2025

Venue: Senate Hall (Sala Senatu), Kazimierz Palace (Pałac Kazimierzowski), Main Campus, University of Warsaw, Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28

Format: Hybrid (in-person and online participation)

You can register here: Link

Agenda

9:00-9:30

Registration and Welcome Coffee

9:30-9:40

Opening Remarks

Prof. Anna Zawidzka-Łojek (Head of Chair of European Law, University of Warsaw), Dr. Magdalena Porzeżyńska (Assistant Professor, University of Warsaw; Visiting Scholar, University of Turin)

9:40-10:00

Keynote Speech: Evolution of State Aid Compatibility: From Tractors to Al

Prof. Juan Jorge Piernas López (University of Murcia)

10:00-11:15

Panel I: Crisis Response in State Aid Control

Dr. Jakub Kerlin (European Commission), "From Crisis Lab to Legal Architecture: State Aid's Evolution as Shaped by the EU Financial Sector"

Prof. Jakub Kociubiński (University of Wroclaw), "COVID's Long Shadow – Should the State Aid Beneficiary Be Important for the Economy?"

Dr. Krzysztof Brysiewicz (Brysiewicz, Bokina & Partners Law Firm), "A Suit That No Longer Fits: Can the Legal and Institutional Architecture of State Aid Enable an Effective Response to Crises?"

Moderator: Maria Rudzińska (Crido Legal)

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00

Panel II: State Aid Essentials and Enforcement

Prof. Malgorzata Cyndecka (University of Bergen), "The Market Economy Operator Principle and the Recent Developments Concerning the Burden of Proof"

Prof. Ondrej Blažo (Comenius University Bratislava), "Alternative Paths in State Aid Enforcement: Between True Avenues and Regulatory Dark Alleys"

Dr. Alessandro Rosanò (Università degli Studi di Parma), "Measuring Distortion, Weighing Interests: The EU's New Balancing Approach to Foreign Subsidies"

Dr. Artur Salbert (CARS State Aid Laboratory, University of Warsaw), "Entities Entitled to Lodge a Complaint Concerning Unlawful State Aid"

Moderator: Dr. Marcin Kamiński (University of Warsaw)

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:15

Panel III: State Aid and Green Transition

Prof. Theodoros G. Iliopoulos (University of Hasselt), "State Aid Law and Support Schemes for Renewable Energy Projects"

Dr. Marat Karatayev (University of Turin, University of Graz), "Impact of Subsidies Policy on Renewable Energy Transition in Coal-Based Countries"

Wojciech Kukula (ClientEarth), "State Aid for Coal – An Obstacle to Poland's Green Transition?"

Moderator: Dr. Magdalena Porzeżyńska (Assistant Professor, University of Warsaw; Visiting Scholar, University of Turin)

15:15-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-16:45

Panel IV: State Aid and Public Procurement

Prof. Nuno Cunha Rodrigues (University of Lisbon), "Revisiting the Fourth Altmark Trans Condition: Towards a More Flexible Approach?"

Dr. Dorottya Anna Simon (Lexcellence LLC, Corvinus University of Budapest), "Legal and Practical Challenges Concerning the Implementation of the Paks II Judgment"

Prof. Piotr Bogdanowicz (University of Warsaw), "Local Content Requirements from the Perspective of State Aid"

Moderator: Prof. Roberto Caranta (University of Turin)

16:45-17:15

Paradigm Shift towards Sustainability: Integrating European Green Deal Policy in the EU State Aid System (GREENAID): Key Findings of the Project

Dr. Magdalena Porzeżyńska (Assistant Professor, University of Warsaw; Visiting Scholar, University of Turin)

17:15-17:30

Closing Remarks and General Discussion







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