

Noerr Competition Day 2025

European competitiveness – What antitrust rules does Europe need?

Munich, 20/21 February 2025

Dear clients, colleagues and guests,

We would be very pleased to welcome you to our twelfth **Noerr Competition Day** on **21 February 2025**. At this year's event, we will be mainly focusing on the following topics:

- antitrust and competition enforcement and defence strategies;
- the new European Commission guidelines on the abuse of market power; and
- antitrust and competition issues in employment law.

You can expect talks on these key topics by renowned representatives from government and business as well as accounts of hands-on experience from international practice. We are looking forward to taking part in lively discussions with you, including during various workshops in the morning and afternoon on a variety of current antitrust and competition topics, ranging from AI & competition and reports of first-hand experience of application of the DMA to trade and industrial policy issues in times of geopolitical challenges.

Please join us for a fascinating day centred around recent developments in German, European and international antitrust and competition law.

This year, **Noerr Competition Day** will once again be held at **The Charles Hotel** in Munich. Starting at 6.00 p.m. on the **evening before the main event, 20 February 2025**, we invite you to take part in a **net-working reception** with a **flying buffet** in our conference centre.

We look forward to seeing you!

The Noerr Antitrust & Competition Group

Agenda

When?	20 February 2025	21 February 2025
Where?	Networking reception Noerr Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB Conference centre Brienner Str. 25 80333 Munich	Noerr Competition Day 2025 The Charles Hotel Sophienstr. 28 80333 Munich

Date / time / room	Topic	Speakers
20 February 2025 6.00 p.m.	Networking reception Noerr's conference centre Brienner Str. 25	
21 February 2025	Noerr Competition Day 2025 The Charles Hotel Sophienstr. 28	
8.30 a.m.	Registration	
9.30 a.m. Ballroom	Welcome and overall moderation	Fabian Badtke (Partner, Noerr)
9.45 a.m. Ballroom	Keynote What's the status quo regarding competition in the EU? Presentation of the DG COMP report "Protecting competition in a changing world"	Thomas Deisenhofer (Principal Adviser, European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition)
10.15 a.m. Ballroom	Panel discussion How to defend oneself against cartel allegations in a world of changing cartel enforcement?	Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Kiyoko Yagami (Partner, Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, Tokyo) – Nick Gaglio (Partner, Axinn, New York) – Jens Peter Schmidt (Partner, Noerr, Brussels) Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Alexander Birnstiel (Partner, Noerr)
11.30 a.m.	Coffee break	

12.00 noon	Topics	
Salon 6+7	Topic 1 State of play in merger control: current developments in the EU and UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Rupert Phillips (Counsel, Ropes & Gray, London) – Fernando Íscar Rüländ (Senior Legal Counsel, thyssenkrupp) – Till Steinvorth (Partner, Noerr) – Lorenz Jarass (Associated Partner, Noerr)
Ballroom	Topic 2 AI & competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Lars Cornels (Senior Legal Counsel, Dräger) – Markus Brösamle (Associated Partner, Noerr)
Salon 2	Topic 3 A year of DMA compliance: Where Europe stands in its pioneering quest for fairer digital markets*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Christina Oelke (Senior Deputy Counsel, VAUNET) – Jochen Hegener (Senior Associate, Noerr)
1.00 p.m.	Lunch break	
2.15 p.m. Ballroom	Panel discussion New guidelines on abuse of market power and comparison with the requirements of case law – presumptions instead of (economic) evidence?	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Holger Hohmann (Senior Competition Counsel, Siemens Healthineers) – Hilmar Leonhardt (Head of Competition Law, Deutsche Telekom) – Alia Schweiger (Principal, RBB Economics) <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Kathrin Westermann (Partner, Noerr) – Peter Stauber (Partner, Noerr)
3.30 p.m.	Coffee break	
3.45 p.m.	Topics	
Salon 6+7	Topic 4 Challenges for companies in times of geopolitical upheaval – an update on investment control and competition law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Yusuke Takamiya (Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto, Tokyo) – Bärbel Sachs (Partner, Noerr) – Sarah Blazek (Partner, Noerr)
Ballroom	Topic 5 HR departments in the spotlight: Salary agreements, non-solicitation covenants and exchange of information – a new focus for enforcement by the authorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Fabian Hübener (Associated Partner, Noerr) – Sven Lohse (Associated Partner, Noerr)
Salon 2	Topic 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Stephen Whitfield (Partner, Travers Smith, London)

	Does EU law require minimum damages? An international view on recent development in private enforcement and cartel damages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Konstantin Jörgens (Of Counsel, Garrigues, Madrid) – Henner Schläfke (Partner, Noerr) – Sebastian Wrobel (Senior Associate, Noerr)
4.45 p.m. Ballroom	Summary / closing remarks	
5.00 p.m.	Please join us for a drink and a chat after the event	

*Agenda point will only be held in German

