

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Competition Law

2526-2-F5602M030-F5602M013M

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

Provide a good knowledge of the institutions of the different levels of normative sources that contribute to regulate economic transactions in international markets and have the tools to appreciate the work of the most important public institutions that operate at a global, European and internal level, in their interactions with each other.

Applying knowledge and understanding

Develop the approaches and methodologies of legal analysis of competition law

Making judgements

During the lessons, students will be gathered in groups to discuss cases. This will allow to develop the critical and judgment skills of the students, called to verify the concrete application of the theoretical institutions

Communication skills

The stimulus to comparison and the organization in groups to examine the cases will facilitate the ability to communicate what has been learned

Learning skills

During the lessons, students will be called to study some cases discussed in class, in order to enhance their learning ability and to continue studying independently

Contents

The course aims to provide students with knowledge of the main organizational structures, legal mechanisms and operational tools that govern the relationship between markets and public institutions at european and international level. In the first module these contents are discussed with specific reference to the analysis of european

competition law and regulation of services of general economic interest.

Detailed program

Functions and contents of competition law – Overview of EU competition law - The european concept of undertaking - The relevant market – The prohibition of anti-competitive agreements – The abuse of dominant position – The prohibition of State aids – Public services in EU law – Services of general economic interest and State aids – Liberalization and privatization – Postal services – Transports – Energy – Local services and in house companies – Service directive – Public procurement directive.

Prerequisites

none

Teaching methods

The course consists of 35 hours, of which: 25 hours consisting of face-to-face lessons (some of which will be devoted to case discussions and in-depth seminars) and 10 hours in remote

Assessment methods

The exam is written, on the topics covered in class and in the textbook.

The commission will evaluate the degree of knowledge, appropriate use of legal language, critical capacity in the exposition of issues.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

R. Whish, D. Bailey, Competition Law, Oxford, 2015 (selected pages)

W. Sauter, Public Services in EU Law, Cambridge, 2015 (selected pages)

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