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European Law Institute for State Aid
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Workshop
Ports in the EU
**New Case practice and state of play: State aid,
concessions directive, regulatory framework and
infringements**

21 June 2013 in Dortmund

The workshop addresses the public entities or management bodies of the EU-ports, being both public and private; port service operators (terminal operators, marine service providers, stevedoring companies, warehouse operators, barge terminal operators, rail terminal operators); shipping companies and shipping agencies: tanker operators, ferry operators, cruise ship operators, container shipping companies, etc. The port sector involves a broad range of economic interests, different types of industries and models of governance.

This practical workshop aims to cover inasmuch as possible this complex reality and provides guidance to determine whether public financing of infrastructure involves State aid within the meaning of Article 107(1) TFEU both at the level of the port authority and at the level of the concession holder and, if so, is subject to the notification obligation pursuant to Article 108(3) TFEU. The Commission's approach to the compatibility assessment of State aid under Article 107(3) is also explained. In a second stage, the lecture will explain the relevance of the new concessions directive for ports and the state of play of the Commission's proposal. Finally, the content and state of play of the regulatory framework for ports and infringements in the port sector will be covered.

A question & answer time should stimulate port best practice and self-regulation.

Speaker: *Pedro Dias*, European Commission, DG Move, Policy Officer, Legal Affairs and Infringements, Brussels

Venue: ELISA, Hansastr. 30, 44137 Dortmund Conference room

Duration: 12.00 h – 17.00 h

Programme: - see next page -

Participants: 20

Fee: EUR 675,-; excl. of VAT (Participation fees include workshop material and catering.)

Registration: For registration please return the Registration Form attached to ELISA by e-mail (schurgers@e-l-i-s-a.eu) or fax to (0049 231 53452610) until the **14 June 2013 (closing date)**.

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PROGRAMM

- 11.30 h** Registration
- 12.00 h** Opening, introduction of the speaker and the course of the agenda
Birgit M. Schurgers, CEO ELISA
- 12.15 h** **Ports: state aid case practice, relevance of concessions, new regulatory framework & infringements**
Pedro Dias, European Commission, DG Move, Policy Officer, Legal Affairs and Infringements, Brussels
- State aid to ports:
 - Case practice
 - Assessment of aid at the level of port authority and concession-holder
 - State of play
 - Concessions directive:
 - Relevance for ports
 - State of play
 - Regulatory framework for ports and infringements:
 - Content
 - State of play
- 14.30 h** Coffee break
- 15.00 h** **Questions & Answers: Outstanding issues to be clarified**
Active participation is provided!
Dr. Roman J. Brauner, Attorney-at-Law, BSU Legal, Dortmund
- 17.00 h** Concluding remarks **Wine & Cheese at ELISA's Bar.**
- (Between 17.00 and 18.00 hrs. you can catch long-distance trains to Hamburg, Leipzig, Frankfurt a. M. und Munich).



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Registration Form (14 June 2013)

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Terms & Conditions

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Confirmation of registration will be forwarded by e-mail to participants on receipt of the completed registration form.

Cancellations should be made in writing by e-mail/fax. Please note that the full fee will be charged for cancellations received after **14 June 2013**. Nomination of a substitute by e-mail/fax remains possible. A cancellation arising by reason of too small a number of participants is effected no later than after 15 June 2013 by the organizers. In this case the participation fee will be refunded. A requirement for reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses as well as loss of working hours is not possible, unless such costs result from wantonly negligent or deliberate behavior on the part of the organizers. The programme is subject to change in some cases. Changes do not give the right to reduce fees or a withdrawal free of charge later than 14 June 2013.

For loss, damage to or theft of any item during the congress no liability will be assumed by the organizer, except in cases of intent or gross negligence. Jurisdiction will be Dortmund.

Should you require any further information regarding the practical organization of the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Birgit M. Schurgers, Programme Organizer (tel: 0049 231 1763289; fax: 0049 231 53452610; e-mail: Schurgers@e-l-i-s-a.eu) who will be pleased to provide you with any details you may require. **We would be most grateful if you could also distribute this information among other persons who may be interested in this workshop.**



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