

# Bits

Brussels Internet & Telecom Seminars

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BITS Seminar – University Foundation in Brussels  
Thursday, May 11, 2017 - 14:30 to 19:00

## Co-investment in Telecoms

Co-investment and network sharing have become common practice for over a decade in the mobile sector and are making an inroad in the deployment of fiber networks in a number of EU Member States.

While competition law had to face co-investment cases since the 2003 T-Mobile/O2 mobile network sharing cases in Germany and the UK, co-investment is now making an entry into ex-ante EU electronic communications law. Under specific conditions of transparency and openness, the deployment of very high capacity networks by co-investors would not be subject to SMP wholesale access obligations

**The purpose of this BITS seminar is :**

- To understand the welfare effects as well as the strengths, the weaknesses, the opportunities and the risks of co-investment in the deployment of fixed and mobile telecommunications networks;
- To understand under which conditions the markets alone will lead to co-investment and whether markets should be nudged towards such deals;
- To explore the consequences of co-investment on the possible emergence of competitive wholesale broadband markets and to assess the effect of continued wholesale access obligations on the incentives of market players to co-invest;
- To gain a better understanding of the limits to co-investment in terms of competition law.



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### Welcome and coffee

*In the Chair: Alexandre de Stree, Professor, University of Namur and CERRE*

15:00

Carlo Cambini - Professor, Politecnico di Torino

15:25

Wolfgang Briglauer - Senior Researcher, ZEW Centre for European Economic,

15:40

Richard Feasey - University College London

16:00

### Debate

16:30

### Coffee Break

17:00

### Stakeholders and regulatory panel

*In the Chair: Philippe Defraigne, Director, Cullen International*

Emmanuel Tricaud - COLT

Jan Krancke - Deutsche Telekom

Marc Lebourges - Orange

Ben Wreschner - Vodafone

Bo Andersson - PTS

Rita Wezenbeek - European Commission, DG Competition

Carlota Reyners-Fontana - European Commission, DG Connect (tbc)

18:50

### Closing remarks

Fatima Barros - Chair, ANACOM

19:00

### Cocktail



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### Venue

Fondation Universitaire Stichting  
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### Fee\* and registration

The seminar is a joint event of CRIDS of the University of Namur, CiTiP of the University of Leuven and Cullen International.

**Participation fee:** € 150 (drinks included).

*Free for staff of the EU Institutions and National Permanent Representations to the EU*

If more than two persons participate from the same organisation, the other participants pay only € 100. Ph.D. students and former DTIC-students of UNamur benefit from a reduced fee of € 100.

**Registration:** <http://bits.unamur.be/next-bits-may-2017>

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