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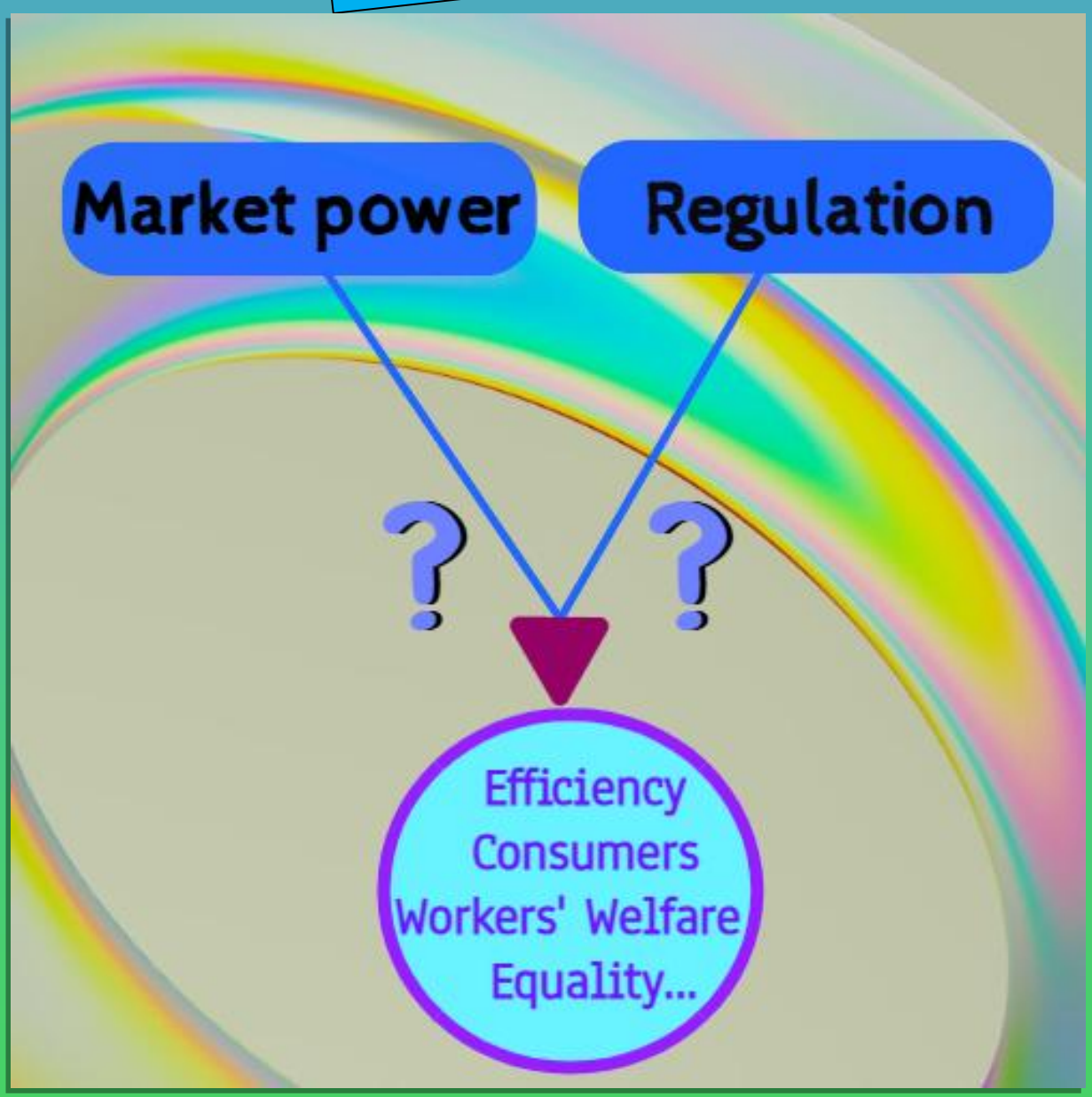

Bringing Together the Global Competition Community.

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CRESSE 2026 Special Keynote Dialeksis by Jean Tirole

"First of all, many thanks for the great conference. Everything went smoothly and it was great intellectually".

Jean Tirole, 2026
(Toulouse School of Economics, 2026 Special Keynote Dialeksis)

"...The conference this year was as always wonderful, very well balanced and festive. Having had the opportunity to organize a few conferences in the past, I fully appreciate the extraordinary dedication and amount of work which goes into the preparation of such an event. Over the years, thanks to you, the CRESSE conference has become the most important European event in the field of competition. This is no small achievement. So many many thanks for having allowed me to be part of the extraordinary journey that you have led".

Frederic Jenny
(ESSEC Business School, Fernand Braudel Fellow European University Institute)
2026

"Yannis, I just wanted to send you a small personal note adding to the well-deserved congratulations you received yesterday and during the whole conference. What you have initiated and built with CRESSE is truly exceptional. Academic entrepreneurship is undervalued, but it is of extreme importance, and you are a great academic entrepreneur. Jean-Jacques would have been in awe of what you did. I am very proud and thankful to play a tiny part in this wonderful symphony."

Jacques Crémer, 2026
(Toulouse School of Economics)

"Thanks again for running a terrific conference..."

Michael Whinston, 2011
(Northwestern University and NBER)
CRESSE 2011 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"It was a pleasure to participate. Thank you for inviting me. A very impressive gathering"

John Vickers, 2018
(University of Oxford)
CRESSE 2018 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Yannis and Tom: thank you for thinking of me and inviting me to CRESSE. It's genuinely a highlight and eye-opener of what is possible in our profession in terms of building community and tangibly having an impact on the world. It's also an eye-opener about friendship. I had an incredible time, my research papers benefited tremendously, and I feel my policy radar and thinking have been instantaneously sharpened to the frontier of global thinking, which I will bring back to Australia (and to my home, Canada) to try to make a difference.
Aside from these benefits, it's really inspiring to see leaders like you, with your commitment and energy, working for the public good. As someone who has been a poor version of Yannis running the Asia-Pacific Industrial Organizing Conference since 2016, seeing CRESSE and you in action is a shot in the arm for continuing to push to build public good in the Asia-Pacific region, where there are substantial gains from these types of initiatives in competition policy.

David Byrne
(Ritchie Chair of Economic Research, University of Melbourne)
2026

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Competition Policy Keynote Lecture by Robert Clark, CRESSE 2026

"...I have always held CRESSE in the highest regard, both for the outstanding quality of its academic programme and for the unique community it brings together. I have greatly enjoyed participating in the conferences over the years, and I would be delighted to contribute more actively to the CRESSE network".

Griet Jans
(Chief Economist, Belgian Competition Authority)
2026

"CRESSE is doing a great job in promoting the role of sound economics in competition policy and bridging gaps between academics and practitioners".

Bruno Jullien
(Toulouse School of Economics)
2025

"Yannis—
Thanks again for including me in the conference this year. It was a great conference again this year. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the SPSs. It is the one opportunity I have to get some insight into what the antitrust community in Europe is thinking about. I look forward to future conferences".

Keith Waehrer
(Managing Director, Secretariat)
2026

"I thought the conference was very good!"

Jean Tirole
(Nobel Laureate 2014, Toulouse School of Economics)
CRESSE 2015 & CRESSE 2022
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"Thanks again for organizing and coordinating yet another great conference. I enjoyed again both the teaching, program and interactions!"

Frank Verboven
(KU Leuven)
CRESSE 2025 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"Thank you for organizing yet another outstanding CRESSE conference. As a fourth-time participant, I continue to be impressed by the consistently high quality of every aspect: the speakers, the venue, the location and the food. CRESSE has firmly established itself as a premier event in the field of competition policy and regulation in Europe. Its ability to bring together top academics, practitioners, and policymakers creates a unique platform for sharing knowledge and shaping future research directions"

Julian Wright, 2024
(National University of Singapore)
CRESSE 2024 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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CRESSE 2026 Special Policy Session on "Industrial Policy, Competitiveness, Resilience and the Politicization of Antitrust": Eleanor Fox, Martin Peitz, Ariel Ezrachi, Deborah Healey, Frederic Jenny, William Kovacic

"Thanks for inviting me and for your hospitality. You are to be congratulated for putting together an impressive conference."

Dennis Carlton, 2018
(The University of Chicago Booth School of Business)
CRESSE 2018 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"The conference was simply great; I enjoyed it and learned a lot. I'll indeed attend more often in the future!"

Giacomo Calzolari, 2024
(European University Institute)
2024 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"Here's a brief message to tell you how impressed I am with the development and the success of CRESSE; having had a few managerial responsibilities, I am aware of (but still probably underestimating) the time, energy and creativity that this must involve. I have expressed along the way some suggestions on how to further evolve, but this should not undermine the main message: WELL DONE!"

Patrick Rey
(Toulouse School of Economics)
CRESSE 2006 Keynote Speaker

"Thank you for inviting me and for organizing such a splendid event. I was very impressed -- I enjoyed myself, learned a lot, and had a chance to meet and talk with a lot of great people."

Carl Shapiro, 2017
(University of California at Berkeley)
CRESSE 2017 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"I really enjoyed my visit and the conference was first rate. Thanks for inviting me! "

Hal Varian, 2015
(University of California at Berkeley)
CRESSE 2015 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"It was a great pleasure to attend CRESSE for the first time. I enjoyed the conference very much, both the papers and the new people I met...··Thank you for inviting me!"

Fiona Scott Morton, 2019
(Yale School of Management)
CRESSE 2019 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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"Wonderful event! I enjoyed all aspects!"

David Teece
(University of California's Haas School of Business (Berkeley))
CRESSE 2024 INVITED SPEAKER

"I was very happy to join CRESSE this year and I thought that the conference was excellent. Very interesting papers; very interesting policy discussions and wonderful organization".

Elisabetta Iossa
(University of Rome 'Tor Vergata')

"...thank you for inviting me. It was absolutely fantastic".

Aviv Nevo
(University of Pennsylvania)
CRESSE 2022

"Thanks very much for the opportunity to be part of this wonderful program. It reminds me why I wanted to be an academic in the first place".

William Kovacic
(The George Washington University Law School, Former FTC Chairman)
CRESSE 2017 and 2008 Keynote Speaker

"I thoroughly enjoyed I the conference and have been beating myself up for not having attended the previous ones. I will submit in the future."

Jacques Crémer
(Toulouse School of Economics)
CRESSE 2011 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"I wish to thank you and your teams – professional/scientific and administrative – for the many things, large and small, that you did to make CRESSE a wonderful experience for me and everyone else. Professionally, it was above expectations. I had so many terrific discussions on my own projects and presentations and others' work. As you may know, I am not in Europe often, so the opportunity to spend so much time with people, with opportunities for extended discussions, was terrific. Also, I always forget what a pleasure it is to interact with early-career economists who bring so much enthusiasm to our field".

Louis Kaplow, 2017
(Harvard Law School)
CRESSE 2017 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

CRESSE 2026 Special Policy Session on "The Limits of Antitrust: Competition Policy and Regulation in AI": Jan Tirole, Howard Shelanski , Ginger Zhe Jin, Giacomo Calzolari , Jan Eeckhout , Jacques Crémer

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2026 Conference Moments

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"The conference was again excellent and could well have been the strongest one yet. The panels were cutting edge and populated with terrific people, and the quality of the contributed sessions was very good and continues to improve. We've gotten to the point that it's difficult to find a time to take a break because there is always an interesting session."

Joseph E. Harrington, Jr
(The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania)

"This is simply to reiterate my congratulations on the organisation. Simply perfect!"

Olivier Guersent
(Director- General of the Directorate General for Competition) INVITED SPEAKER 2023)

"Thank you and Bravo for a great CRESSE 2025 edition. I'm thankful for your kind invitation and impressed by the quality of your program and your organization".

Nicolas Charbit
(Concurrences)
2025

"Indeed, Cresse is a special event and always great to attend. Thank you for making it happen".

Yossi Spiegel
(Coller School of Management, Tel Aviv University, CEPR, and ZEW)
2025

"Thank you and all the panelists and Howard for thought provoking discussion. Thank you Yanis for making it all possible. CRESSE is realhy exciting. - I will spread the word in Japan."

Reiko Aoki
(Commissioner of Japan Fair Trade Commission)

"I just wanted to thank you once more for having introduced me to CRESSE. I quite honestly think this was one of the best competition policy/economics/law conferences I have ever attended. Wonderful people, fantastic programme, great organisation and a lovely location. It has been an inspiring experience."

Anne Witt
(EDHEC Business School, Augmented Law Institute)

Lawyers' Keynote Lecture by Prof. Michal Gal, CRESSE Conference 2025

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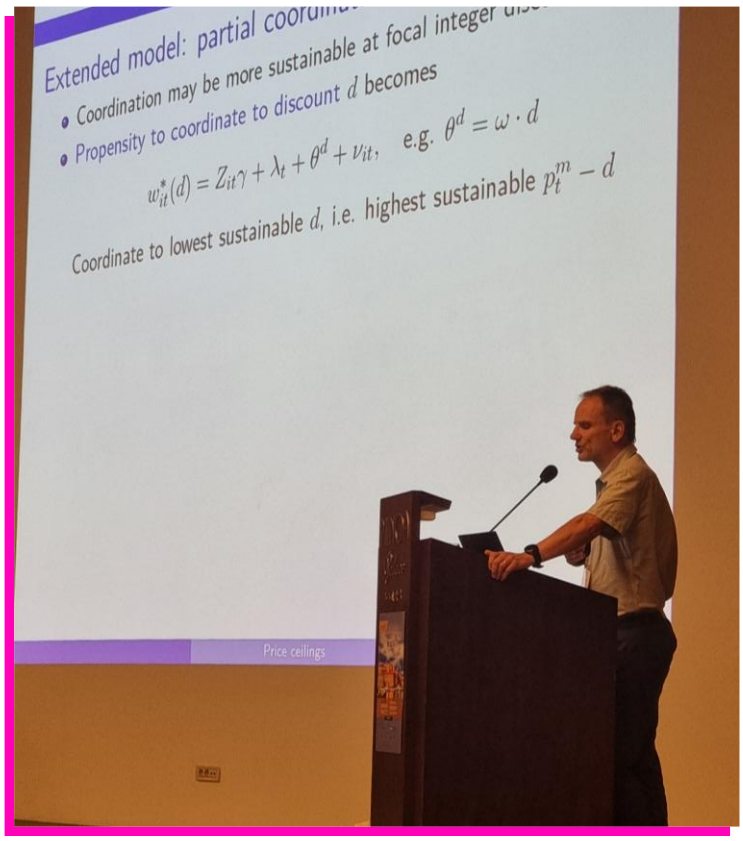

Keynote Lecture by Prof. Frank Verboven, CRESSE Conference 2025

"I want to thank you for having me at the CRESSE Conference 2025. It was a great opportunity to present my work to many scholars present my work to many scholars s a great opportunity to in the field at such a beautiful venue on Crete. I truly appreciate being a part of such an extraordinary conference, and I especially want to acknowledge the tremendous work of everyone involved in conducting it. Thank you all for your dedication and effort."

Maximilian Maurice Gail
(Chair for Industrial Organization, Regulation and Antitrust, Department of Economics, Justus-Liebig-University Giessen)
2025

"Many thanks for a wonderful conference and for all your efforts in bringing this community together. It was a real pleasure to take part, and I very much appreciated the inspiring discussions, excellent organisation, and warm atmosphere throughout the conference".

Caroline Buts
(Department of Applied Economics, Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
2026

"Thank you very much for the kind invitation to CRESSE this year. I had an amazing time—everything was extremely well organized, and the conference was both intellectually stimulating and thoroughly enjoyable...It was a pleasure to be part of the programme, and I very much hope to return in the future".

Magdalena Kuyterink
(Senior economist at the Berkeley Research Group)
2025

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Conference dinner Venue 2025

"Thanks again for the invitation to speak (twice) at CRESSE. This has emerged as a very substantial intellectual event in competition policy."

Herbert Hovenkamp, 2023
(James G. Dinan University Professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania)
CRESSE 2018 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"Thank you so much for including me. The conference was excellent and the venue was spectacular. Sincerely, Leslie"

Leslie Marx
(Duke University)
CRESSE 2023 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"Thank you so much for organizing this conference – as usual a highlight of the year! Please keep on running this venue at this level of high quality!"

Hans Friederiszick
(Director, E.CA Economics)
2024

...Most of all thank you for inviting me to this fabulous event. I truly enjoyed it and I am impressed with the level of discussion and insight. Really phenomenal. I hope to see you again very soon, Thank you!!!

Marco Iansiti
(David Sarnoff Professor Chair for Technology and Transformation Harvard Business School)

"...kudos to you again for organizing the best competition policy conference in Europe"

Dan O'Brien
(Compass Lexecon)
2024

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"I would like to thank you again for the invitation to participate in this year's CRESSE conference! I truly enjoyed the program, the substantive discussions, and your wonderful hospitality! I very much look forward to continuing our collaboration in the future"

Krisztián Katona
(Vice President of Global Competition and Regulatory Policy at the Computer and Communications Industry Association (CCIA))
CRESSE 2023

"Thank you and the rest of the team for the lovely organization. It was excellent, as usual!"

Prof. Dr. Germain Gaudin
(Institut für Wirtschaftswissenschaften Abteilung für Wirtschaftspolitik insbesondere Wettbewerbsökonomie)
CRESSE 2024

"Thank you so much for organizing a great conference. You and your team are consistently delivering top notch sessions and events, year after year. "

Serge Moresi
(Charles River Associates)
CRESSE 2024

"I would like to thank you and your team for a very well-organised conference again this year, which I very much enjoyed."

Mike Waterson
(Lecturer, University of Warwick)
CRESSE 2023

"Again, thanks for a wonderful conference. I am really impressed with the quality of the talks, the participants and the organisation. You have created something quite special. I hope to be able to participate at a future edition"

Flavio Toxværd
(Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge)
CRESSE 2024

"It was a real and sincere pleasure to participate at CRESSE. It is indeed a grand eventcongratulations on organizing such a successful conference for so many years!"

Michal Gal
(University of Haifa)
CRESSE 2023

"It was both rewarding and enjoyable. You did a great job."

Herbert Hovenkamp
(James G. Dinan University Professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania)
CRESSE 2018 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

" It was really impressive how strong the conference has become. There was an amazing number of world-class scholars and practitioners at this year's event. "

Joseph E. Harrington, Jr.
The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
CRESSE 2009 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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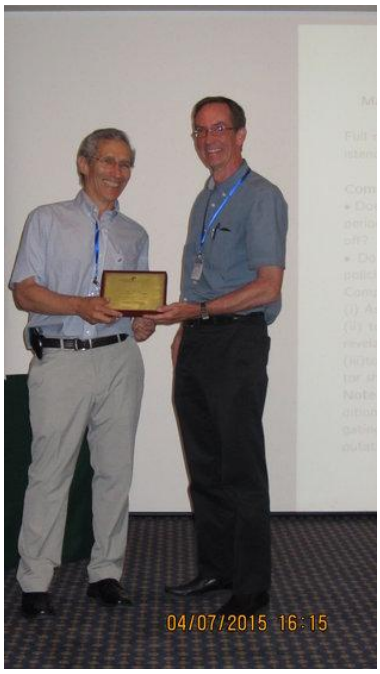

CRESSE 2015 moments: (from left to right) Y. Katsoulacos, J. Tirole, G. Spagnolo, A. Pakes and J. Harrington

Many thanks again for a great event - ... the program was super, and the social part is of tremendous value to our little community.

Maarten Pieter Schinkel
(University of Amsterdam and Tinbergen Institute)
CRESSE 2023

It was a great conference. It was my first time at CRESSE, but I really enjoyed the event and found many sessions very interesting.

Andrea Coscelli
(Partner, Head of Keystone Europe)

"It was great being back once again at CRESSE. The conference was great, and the "social programme" just as good!"

Massimo Motta
(Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Former Chief Economist DG Competition, European Commission)
CRESSE 2012 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"...back in Canada now but I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you one more time for inviting me to participate in your wonderful conference. I had a great time - what a beautiful spot that was ..."

Tom Ross
(Sauder School of Business, University of British, Columbia)

"Hi Yannis, thanks again for having me. I thought the conference was excellent. You've really done an amazing job at developing CRESSE...."

David Evans
(Chairman of Global Economics Inc)
CRESSE 2018 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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"Thank you again for a superb conference and organization. I enjoyed it very much."

Xavier Vives
(IESE Business School
President of EARIE)
CRESSE 2013 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"...a quick email to say "thank you very much" for inviting me to your wonderful conference. I very much enjoyed myself and look forward to the next edition of CRESSE!"

Volker Nocke, 2021
(UCLA, University of Mannheim and CEPR)
CRESSE 2021 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"This is the best it's ever been. Really. What a great event! ...Thank you again so much for the fantastic CRESSE event, the best academic conference in Europe in my view"

Cristina Caffarra
(Vice-President, Head of European Competition Practice Charles River Associates)

"It was a very exciting conference."

Michael Riordan
(Columbia University)
CRESSE 2014 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"Just wanted to thank you for the invitation to be part of this great event. It was a real pleasure and I want to congratulate you for what you put together! Many thanks!"
"What a wonderful time I had in CRESSE this year. Many thanks for putting together such an amazing event. Great topics, excellent speakers, perfect environment. I really enjoyed my Panel. Martin Peitz was excellent in moderating as always. It is my privilege to be a CRESSE associate."

Ana Sofia Rodrigues
(Chief Economist and Head of the Bureau of Economic Studies of the Portuguese Competition Authority)
CRESSE 2022 Panelist

"I just wanted to say thanks so much for an amazing CRESSE. I thought it went incredibly well. Lots of brilliant speakers. All very impressive. I'm hugely grateful to have been part of it! I spent the plane trip home going through my notes from the sessions, in order to do a download to the CMA, and realised that I had learnt a huge amount, in a very short period!"

Amelia Fletcher
(University of East Anglia, Executive Director at the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), UK Government)

"Many thanks to you for organizing this -once again - great conference in a great location"

Thibaud Verge
(Chief Economist, Autorité de la Concurrence)

"Thanks again for inviting me. This was a great conference and a great stay in general."

Martin Peitz
(University of Mannheim)
CRESSE 2026 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"Thank you for inviting me once again. The panels I attended were thoughtful as always and the entire programme ripe with ideas"

Philip Marsden
(Senior Director for Case Decision Groups, Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), UK Government)

"Thank you very much for this wonderful conference! We had a great and very productive time. You have now the best IO event in Europe. Well done!"

Jorge Padilla
(Senior Managing Director and Head of Compass Lexecon Europe)

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"Many thanks again for including me; It was a great conference - fantastic participants, interesting talks, and a great location. I learned a lot and enjoyed myself. The location was fabulous!"

Heski Bar-Isaak
(Rotman School of Management University of Toronto)

"I thought that overall the conference was a great success...· what I saw this year was really high quality with an excellent discussion. You are going from strength to strength with this event."

Kai-Uwe Kühn
(University of East Anglia Former Chief Economist DG Competition, European Commission)

"Thank you for inviting me to the CRESSE conference. I thoroughly enjoyed the event. The international and multi-disciplinary (Econ, law, government, consulting) blend of skills made for a very illuminating experience. I know how much work goes into such large events. It's a terrific conference."

Jean-Pierre H. Dubé
(James M. Kilts Distinguished Service Professor Director, Kilts Center for Marketing The University of Chicago)
CRESSE 2022 Panelist

"...The CRESSE conference is such an excellent event and highlight of the calendar. At our end, I'm happy to report brilliant feedback from the conference...Congratulations on running yet another successful edition!"

Fabien Curto Millet
(Senior Economist at Google)

"CRESSE has again proven this year to be a unique platform where academics and practitioners can meet and discuss the most burning issues in competition policy in a relaxed setup. It is also a great platform for education."

Xavier Boutin
(Positive Competition)

Special Policy Session on The Case for a Political Economy View of Antitrust: Cristina Caffarra, Jan Eeckhout, Rebecca Slaughter
CRESSE 2024

"Thank you very much for having us at the conference. We were very happy indeed to participate in this year's policy panels. We also had very good feedbacks from our staff who attended the summer school."

Benoît Durand
(RBB Economics)

"Thank you very much, it was a pleasure to be a part of the conference, and an honor to receive the award"

Jacopo Gambato
(University of Mannheim, ZEW Mannheim)
CRESSE 2023

"The CRESSE conference is really good and I am very happy that I was able to attend it. Again, you deserve a lot of credit for organizing such a successful event"

Yossi Spiegel
(Coller School of Management, Tel Aviv University)

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"Dear Yannis, I did, as always, enjoy the event. As you know I have always found the format particularly good and unique and the large number of excellent academics that regularly attend is a testament to that."

Kai-Uwe Kühn
(University of East Anglia, Former Chief Economist DG COMP, EC)

"Thanks Yannis for a wonderful event!"

Eliana Garces
(META)

"Thanks again for the magnificent organisation of the conference!"

Tommaso Valletti
(Imperial College London)

"Thank you so much for a terrific conference. I had a great time, and learned so much"

Luke Froeb
(Federal Trade Commission)

Special policy session on. Cartel Screening and Machine Learning:Marisa TiernoCentella, Federica Maiorano, Griet Jans, Hans-Petter H. Hanson, Karen Croxson, Leslie Marx - CRESSE 2024

"I wanted to thank you again - it was a great conference - and you attracted a fantastic group of people! I enjoyed meeting you - and I look forward to next year's conference."

Neil Gandal
(Tel Aviv University and CEPR)

Special Policy Session on Mergers and merger review policy reforms in Digital Ecosystems: Cristina Caffarra, Hans Zenger, Volker Nocke, Luís Cabral, Matthew Bennett, Bill Kovacic
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Keynote Lecture by Prof. Giacomo Calzolari
CRESSE 2024

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"It was great attending the conference which was very interesting with great dinners. Of course, the stay was too short. I hope I will have the opportunity to stay longer another time and that you will be able to maintain support for the Greek events."

Bruno Jullien
(Toulouse School of Economics)

"...thank you for putting on such an extraordinary conference ...The conference content was superb, the participants active, and the venue amazing"

Ralph Winter
(University of British Columbia, Sauder School of Business)

Special Policy Session on Legal Standards: William Kovacic, Alexandre Cordeiro Macedo, James Hodge, Herbert Hovenkamp,Yannis Katsoulacos, Frederic Jenny, Nicolas Petit, Howard Shelanski, Keith Waehrer, CRESSE 2022

"I've just returned from our round trip. Despite all the marvelous impressions we had afterwards, those at CRESSE still stand out. Many thanks for having me: it was great to be part of these events again."

Maarten Pieter Schinkel
(Amsterdam School of Economics, ACLE and Tinbergen Institute University of Amsterdam)

"This was a great conference. Congratulations! I really had a great time in all aspects. Thanks for the opportunity"

Juan Pablo Montero
(Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC-Chile))

"Thank you, as usual, for all your care at CRESSE. It was a great conference!"

Ricardo Ribeiro
(Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Católica Porto Business School)
CRESSE 2023

"Thank you for setting up a successful conference once again. I do appreciate the opportunity to talk to such distinguished audience. I am glad that BRICS and younger agencies are drawing so much attention."

Eduardo Pontual Ribeiro
(Instituto de Economia – Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro Economics Institute, Brazil)

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"The conference was really exceptional. For those interested in high level discussions in Competition Policy, it is the best conference I have ever known, for its content, and for the opportunities to interact with other scholars. Congratulations for organizing it. I definitely intend to return on the following years."

Paulo Furquim de Azevedo
(Centro de Estudos em Negócios Insper Institute, and CNPq, Brazil)

"Many thanks to you and your colleagues in the conference team for the excellent organisation of this year's conference! Hope to be back next year."

Adriaan Dierx
(Senior Expert, Ex-post Economic Evaluation of Competition Policy DG Competition, European Commission)

...please let me take this opportunity to thank you and your team for a wonderful experience, this conference has been a treat in every aspect, both academically and socially. My congratulations for a perfect organization, a great program with stellar keynote speakers and overall very high level of contributions!"

Liliane Giardino-Karlinger
(Università LUISS Guido Carli)

"Thanks again for the organization of a very interesting conference in a wonderful location."

Armin Smutzler
(University of Zürich, CEPR)

"Just a few lines to thank and congratulate you and your organizing team for the wonderful conference this year. I really enjoyed this interesting and stimulating conference; it was a pleasure to participate and a fantastic opportunity to discuss current research."

Michael Wohlfarth
(University of Passau, Chair of Internet and Telecommunications Business)

"It was a great conference. I fully enjoyed it. Keep my name for next year."

Marcel Boyer
(Universite de Montreal)

Thank you very much for the excellent organization of the CRESSE 2023. I was delighted to be part of the Conference.

Andrea Günster
(Lecturer, Zurich University of Applied Science)

"Thank you for the wonderful conference. It was an honor to participate with such a fabulous group of speakers."

Nancy Gallini
(Vancouver School of Economics)

"The experience is entirely mutual. For me it was the first time I visited CRESSE and I really enjoyed myself. Thanks for organizing it. Surely, it will be on my calendar in the years to come."

Jeroen Hinloopen
(University of Amsterdam)

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Presentation by J. Vickers- CRESSE Conference 2018

"Thank you for inviting me to this very interesting and stimulating conference and giving me the opportunity to present my current work in such an environment. Since I attended the CRESSE for the first time, I did not know what to expect. What I found was a very good organized conference covering a lot of interesting and relevant topics. Thank you again, and all the best"

Dragan Jovanovic
(University of Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics-DICE)

"This conference was really great, at all points: the place, the conference in itself ! and I can speak for several french researchers who were there with me, we really have had a pleasant stay in Greece. Thanks a lot for this organization and I'll try to participate as often as I can to your conference."

Claire Chambolle
(INRA and Ecole Polytechnique France)

"I would like to thank you for inviting me to CRESSE 2011 and congratulate you for putting together such an interesting and stimulating conference (it must be a lot of work). I really enjoyed it."

Kostas Serfes
(Benett S. LeBow College of Business, Drexel University)

Thank you very much for a very interesting and stimulating conference and a path-breaking workshop. I enjoyed the academic and the social interaction."

Peter Møllgaard
(Copenhagen Business School)

"Thank you for putting together a great CRESSE event this weekend... it was excellent to participate as a first time attendee, I plan to submit future work to return as well."

Danial Asmat
(Staff Economist, US DOJ)

"Thank you for your excellent work, I hope to submit more than one paper next year. Thank you very much"

Maria Letizia Giorgetti
(Università di Milano, CEG Europe)

"Our congratulation with outstanding conference with perfect underlying organizational infrastructure"

Svetlana Avdasheva
(Higher School of Economics, Russia)

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Dr. P. Regibeau, Prof. Y. Katsoulacos, Prof. T. Ross, during the 2023 Conference dinner

"Thank you very much for the great time we all had in Crete, both for the quality of the conference and the splendid atmosphere we have found there. It was one of the best conferences I have been to."

Andrea Mantovani
(University of Bologna)

"Many thanks again for the organization of the conference. It was a really great opportunity to discuss my paper, and the paper joint with Charles Angelucci, with so many senior economists; a rare opportunity really. I am now working hard again on getting the thesis ready for the printer! Greetings from Amsterdam."

Martijn Han
(Ph.D. Candidate in Economics Amsterdam Center for Law & Economics, University of Amsterdam)

"Thanks again for the conference. it has been once more a very stimulating and nice occasion to meet the people active in competition policy"

Michelle Polo
(Bocconi University)

"Thank you very much for a very inspiring and well-organized conference."

Anette Boom
(Copenhagen Business School)

"It's been an excellent conference and I had a great time."

Nadav Levy
(Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya)

"thank you so much for your hospitality and for the wonderful opportunity to be a friend of Cresse. It was a really fantastic conference and I really learnt a lot."

Ziyanda Buthelezi
(Multichoice Africa)

"I enjoyed conference very much and that the organization of it was impeccable..."

Krešimir Žigić
(CERGE-EI)

"It was my first experience with the CRESSE conference and I have enjoyed it a lot. The conference was very well organised and very interesting and it took place in a nice location."

Fabienne Ilzkovitz
(Principal Advisor, DG COMP)

CRESSE CONFERENCE TESTIMONIES

"Thanks a lot for the organization and for the invitation. Let me say that it has been a great conference, both scientifically and in terms of location."

Federico Boffa
(Free University of Bolzano)

"Thank you very much for your tremendous effort. The conference was really well organized and the presentations were very interesting. I enjoyed myself and I learnt a lot."

Joachim Klein
(Munich Graduate School of Economics)

"I really appreciated this high-level Conference. It was a great pleasure to participate."

Ginevra Bruzzone
(Head of the Enterprise, Competition and Regulation Unit, ASSOMINE)

"Thank you for organizing such a useful and nice conference."

Marta Troya Martinez
(Oxford University)

"This was the first time I attended CRESSE. I was very impressed. Congratulation on an excellent conference and organization!"

Pedro Pereira
(AdC, Avenida de Berna, CEFAGE)

"Thank you for all the trouble you and your team took in making the conference a great success."

Geeta Gouri
(Former Member, Competition Commission of India)

Special Policy Session on Merger Assessment and Innovation: H. Shelanski, M. Motta, C. Caffarra, P. Marsden, J. Padilla, C. Shapiro and T. Valletti
CRESSE 2017

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

"Beyond my personal appreciation, I can also say that, as a National Competition Authority, we have been consistently impressed by the quality of CRESSE as a training centre for competition professionals. The annual courses provide an exceptional combination of academic rigour and practical relevance, and we have always received very positive feedback from our staff. We therefore look forward to continuing to send our lawyers and economists to CRESSE's training programmes in the years ahead".

Griet Jans
(Chief Economist, Belgian Competition Authority)
CRESSE 2026

"Thank you once more on behalf of the SA Competition Commission for an intellectually stimulating conference and authentic Greek experience. Thank you too for putting together a faculty that has challenged and advanced our staff in the courses. We hope to see you soon, hopefully in SA".

James Hodge
(Chief Economist, Chair of MDPMI, Acting Deputy Commissioner)
CRESSE 2026

"On behalf of the Competition Council of Moldova and of myself personally, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the recent opportunity provided to the Competition Council's specialists to attend the "Lawyers' Course" and "Summer School" organized by the Competition & Regulation European Summer School and Conference in June and July 2023. The Competition Council's team have highly appreciated the level of expertise and professionalism of the experts involved, extensive variety and depth of the topics covered and the quality of presentations.."

Alexei Ghertescu
(President of the Competition Council of Moldova)
CRESSE 2023

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the excellent organization of the CRESSE Conference and Summer School.
As usually the high quality of the programs, the seamless logistics, and the warm Greek well-known hospitality made the experience both enjoyable and highly valuable.

Your efforts are truly appreciated, and I look forward to future CRESSE-OECD events.

Daria Iuliana Drăguţ
(Romanian Competition Council)
CRESSE 2026

"Coming from an econometrics background, I found the CRESSE Summer School very valuable in giving me a solid foundation to venture into competition economics. The lecturers are experts in the field, and I learned a lot from both the courses and the discussions. It was also a great opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with practitioners from different parts of the world. I would recommend it to anyone looking to enter the field or to practitioners who want to deepen their knowledge".

Daniel L. Ribeiro
(Queen Mary University of London)
CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

CALEP 2026 Participants with Prof. Bill Kovacic and Ms. Kathryn Fenton

It was an outstanding experience. The programme brings together speakers of a remarkably high calibre, offering both a broad and in-depth perspective on competition policy and economics. The quality of the discussions, combined with the diversity of topics covered, makes it an exceptionally valuable learning opportunity.

Another aspect I particularly appreciated was the opportunity to exchange views and experiences with colleagues from different countries and institutions. These interactions enriched the programme considerably and created a unique environment for professional learning and networking.

Overall, I found the course highly rewarding and would strongly recommend it to anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of competition issues while engaging with leading experts and peers in the field.

Rocío Becerril Basa
(Spanish Competition Authority)
CRESSE – OECD EXECUTIVE PROGRAM 2026

"Participating in the CRESSE 2026 Lawyers' Course" in Kos, Greece offered me intensive cross-disciplinary training bridging economics and competition law.It enabled me to grasp the practical value of economic frameworks such as the hypothetical monopolist test, upward pricing pressure analysis and error-cost framework in competition-law casework. Exposed to diverse substantive standards including the protection of competitive process, consumer welfare and total welfare, I developed a more global perspective on antitrust enforcement across different jurisdictions. Discussions around AI-related competition challenges further inspired my reflections on emerging digital-market competition issues".

Jiao Rui
(Shandong University of Science and Technology)
CRESSE 2026

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

CALEP 2026 Participants with Prof. Bill Kovacic

"The CRESSE-OECD Executive Programme was a very interesting and comprehensive course, truly focused on gaining knowledge. It offered an excellent combination of the economic and legal aspects of competition law, with outstanding speakers. The wonderful CRESSE team made the whole experience even more enjoyable, and the beautiful location made it truly special."

Teo Kvirikashvili
(George Washington University Law School)
CRESSE - OECD EXECUTIVE PROGRAM 2026

"I would like to express my sincere appreciation for giving me the opportunity to participate in the competition training program held in Kos, Greece. It was an extremely valuable experience, and I gained significant knowledge and practical insights that will greatly support my work in the field of competition law and enforcement.
I truly appreciate the time and effort invested in organizing such a high-quality program, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been part of it.
I would also be very interested in participating in more training programs in the coming years".

Shamsah Al Kaabi
(Ministry of Economy and Tourism, UAE)
CRESSE - OECD EXECUTIVE PROGRAM 2026

"Attending the 20th CRESSE was a highly enriching experience. The course is both rigorous and comprehensive, bringing together leading professors and experts from across the globe who share a wealth of knowledge, real-world experience, and cutting-edge insights in competition law and policy. I would strongly recommend it to anyone seeking to advance their expertise in this field".

Tekla Mwasaru
(Competition Authority of Kenya)
SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

"I really enjoyed my time at CALEP in Kos, this July. It was a great opportunity to share experiences, pick up new ideas, and have some interesting discussions with colleagues from other competition authorities, many of which continued well beyond the classroom. I particularly enjoyed the mix of interactive lectures and practical case studies, as well as the opportunity to learn from some of the leading experts in the field. The programme was well balanced and kept us engaged throughout. And of course, spending five days on a Greek island in July certainly enriched the overall experience! Hope to see you next year in Crete".

Jelena Popovic Markopoulos
(Serbian Commission for Protection of Competition)

"The four-day "Lawyer's Course" in Crete was an unforgettable experience that blended learning with the beauty of nature. I had the opportunity to learn from outstanding economics scholars from all over the world, across different fields and institutions, something I would not have been exposed to in a single university. They explained the intersection of economic theory and competition law in an accessible way, which benefited me greatly. For example, they introduced concepts like supply and demand, offering me a first step into the world of economics. Through "game theory," they analyzed strategic interactions between firms and so on. These vivid and inspiring examples significantly broadened my understanding of the economic dimensions of competition law. At the same time, the course was held on the beautiful island of Crete, whose stunning scenery added tranquil touch to the learning journey. By the blue Aegean Sea, the clear waters and golden sandy beaches under the sunset provided the perfect setting for both reflection and relaxation.
I am very grateful to CRESSE for providing this opportunity and allowing me to have such a memorable experience.
I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to you for the kind invitation and invaluable assistance throughout the entire process. I truly hope we have the opportunity to meet again next year.

Xiaoran Sun
(The University of New South Wales, Australia)
CRESSE LAWYERS' COURSE 2025

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

"Very inviting atmosphere, professional and relevant lectures with very impressive lecturers. I really enjoyed discussing and hanging out with other participants from vastly different countries and cultures. Excellent food at the conference hotel (lunch). Also very good organization from you and the rest of the people involved. The conference dinner was a blast".

Hans Elis Pappila
(Swedish Competition Authority)
CRESSE LAWYERS' COURSE 2026

"I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in the 2026 CRESSE Summer School and Advanced Short Courses. This program allowed me to deepen my understanding of competition laws, gain practical insights from the experiences and best practices of the competition authorities in other jurisdictions, meet new friends, and contribute to a more informed approach to competition law advocacy in my country. Mabuhay!"

Ma. Glecy Joy A. Contado
(Associate Solicitor, Office Of The Solicitor General, Philippines)
CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

"As someone at the beginning of a career in competition policy, I found the program both intellectually rigorous and genuinely formative.

Participating in the program was one of the most enriching professional experiences I have had. It deepened my appreciation of competition policy and industrial organization from both academic and regulatory perspectives, provided valuable opportunities to engage with scholars and practitioners in the field, and sparked several research interests that I hope to pursue in the future. I remain grateful for the experience and would be delighted to participate in future CRESSE trainings or conferences.

Most importantly, it strengthened my appreciation of how rigorous economic analysis can support better competition advocacy, enforcement, and policymaking".

Jillian Angelica S. Alcantara
(Economist, Economics Office – Policy and Markets Division
Philippine Competition Commission)
CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

...Three things stand out.
First, the hosts are wonderfully kind—they arrange everything and really take care of you.
Second, you learn from one of the best 10 lecturers in the world and genuinely enjoy the process.
Third, classmates from many countries bring diverse antitrust perspectives and experiences, which broadens your horizons and helps you make great friends.

Wenhui Yang
(Guizhou University)
CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

"I had a wonderful experience attending the CRESSE Lawyers' Course in Kos, Greece. The program provided robust training in economic analysis, covering both fundamental economic principles and their practical application to real-world competition law enforcement and litigation. Beyond the highly enriching academic experience, I also enjoyed the scenic beauty of the island and had the opportunity to meet and connect with practitioners from different jurisdictions. The course offered a unique blend of learning, professional collaboration, and cultural exchange, making it a truly worthwhile endeavor. Thank you CRESSE, for such an exceptional experience."

Karla Monica S. Moraleda-Manabat
(Senior State Solicitor
Office of the Solicitor General, Philippines)
CRESSE LAWYERS' COURSE 2026

"...thank you again for the wonderful experience at the Summer School. The lectures and the conference were particularly interesting, and the organization was outstanding".

Francesca Delfini
(University of Bologna)
CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

"I am profoundly grateful to CRESSE and Professor Yannis for inviting me to the CRESSE 20th Anniversary— a lifelong academic and cultural odyssey. Surrounded by Kos Island's stunning landscapes, I exchanged ideas with international scholars, engaged with cutting-edge academic achievements, and drew profound inspiration from every session. The outdoor dinner and dinner dance enriched my understanding of Greek culture. My heartfelt thanks once more to CRESSE!"

Miaoheng Zhou
(Shandong University of Science and Technology)
CRESSE LAWYERS' COURSE 2026

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

"This was a wonderful course. It allowed me to take a step backwards and really build up my understanding of economics from scratch. A very helpful refresher. The course was super well organised and the teaching faculty was thoroughly engaging and really brought the subject to life. A delightful four days and I would highly recommend the course to anyone who takes an interest in the economics of competition law."

Mark Powell
(White & Case)
CRESSE LAWYERS' COURSE 2025

"CRESSE Summer School is a great experience. You can learn competition economics from the best experts in the world. If you are lucky enough to find any free time for sightseeing, you can visit one of the Greece's most famous historic sites. Moreover, the participants of summer school can take part in the CRESSE conference, which is certainly the leading place of discussion on competition economics. During the conference, the leading researchers show their research. Moreover, the most important current issues in competition are discussed during policy panels. Definitely worth taking part in it!"

Jacek Mainardi
(Allen & Overy)
SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

"With deep gratitude, I fondly remember that wonderful time at the summer school—the intellectually stimulating sessions, the warm Mediterranean evenings filled with meaningful conversations, and the lasting friendships formed with fellow participants from around the world. It was truly an enriching experience that continues to shape my research and professional outlook"

Svetlana Bovt
(National Research University Higher School of Economics)
CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

Conference Dinner 2025

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

I just wanted to thank you for the wonderful organization of CALEP CRESSE — everything was absolutely perfect: the readings, the logistics, and above all, the people.

Vera Sopeña
(Comision Nacional de los Mercados y la Comptencia (CNMC))
CRESSE - OECD EXECUTIVE PROGRAM (CALEP) 2025

"This course which included a lot of economic and theoretical knowledge was very useful for me as a legal practitioner with more than 15 years of experience in the field of competition and I will use this knowledge when arguing the authority's position before the courts."

Gabriela Corcimari
(Head of Legal Direction, Competition Council of Moldova)
LAWYERS' COURSE 2023

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and everyone in the organising team for a great summer school and conference. From a participant's perspective, everything went smoothly, without any disturbances... On behalf of my colleagues and me, many thanks."

Zsolt Hegyesi
(Senior Analyst, COMPASS LEXECON)
CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

"As a beginning researcher, I found the CRESSE Summer school to be an excellent opportunity to deepen my knowledge about a broad range of topics in competition economics. I also enjoyed the open atmosphere between the participants. The summer school lends itself well to getting to know and connect with many passionate people with a diverse background. "

Jeroen De Ceuster
(Ghent University)
SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

"I've been looking for a training course in the format of CRESSE Summer School for a long time. There is no parallel of CRESSE in any part of the world. Nothing so comprehensive. Nothing with that team of the best experts in the economics of Competition Policy and Network Regulation. Thanks a lot."

César Mattos
(FA Consultoria, Brazil)

Many thanks for everything! All was very well organised.

Hara Nikolopoulou
(Vice President, Hellenic Competition Commission)
CRESSE - OECD EXECUTIVE PROGRAM (CALEP) 2023

"I recently completed the CRESSE course, and I was totally satisfied with the experience. The program was well-structured, covering a comprehensive range of topics that are crucial for competition enforcers and leaders. The instructors were not only knowledgeable but also engaging. O)ne of the things I like the most it was its focus on practical skills—communication, decision- making, and conflict resolution—which are essential for any leader."

Susana Campuzano Fernández
(Director-General Competition Directorate
CNMC, SPAIN)
CRESSE - OECD EXECUTIVE PROGRAM (CALEP) 2024

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

Attending the Lawyers' Course proved to be a particularly rewarding experience. I had the remarkable opportunity to enrich my understanding of antitrust economics with some of the best experts in the field. Moreover, I had the chance to interact and share expertise with fellow attendees from other Competition Authorities. The speakers combined a mix of experts from academia and practice, offering a complete, balanced and interesting approach to the subject of the Course. I expect that the knowledge acquired will be very useful in our work at the Hellenic Competition Commission and have already recommended the Course my colleagues. Everyone involved with the organization was extremely friendly, helpful and efficient, while the location was beautiful.

Nadia Skandali
(Head of Unit, Legal Service, Hellenic Competition Commission)
LAWYERS' COURSE 2023

It was a great honor to participate in the 2025 CRESSE Lawyers' Course. This program provided me with a solid foundation in key principles of economics and competition law, while also fostering a more integrated understanding of the interplay between economic law and economics. Such insights have established a robust foundation for my future legal practice, especially in the areas of competition law research and application. Covering a broad spectrum of subjects with well-calibrated complexity, the course was closely aligned with cutting-edge research in economics and legal studies, such as the digital economy. The instructors presented the material with remarkable clarity, depth, and intellectual rigor, enriched by engaging and often humorous delivery. The experience proved to be immensely valuable!"

Zixuan Chen
(Shandong University)
LAWYERS' COURSE 2025

"The CRESSE summer school is a fantastic opportunity to learn cutting-edge IO techniques led by leading professors in the field, including Frank Verboven, Chiara Fumagelli, Joe Harrington, and Christos Genakos. Even as a PhD student in IO I learned a lot from this course and benefitted enormously. It was also great to be able to network and socialise with other PhD students, government regulators and industry consultants from all over the world in the beautiful environment of the island of Crete!…"

Rhys Williams
(PhD student in Economics Cambridge Judge Business School / King's College, Cambridge) SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

My experience in the 2025 CRESSE Summer School was simply outstanding. The long trip from Manila to Crete was very well worth it. I had the opportunity to learn and enhance my knowledge of competition policy, economics, and law from the experts. At the same time, I also got to meet wonderful people who come from diverse backgrounds and are from different parts of the world. The CRESSE Summer School is an amazingly organized program that offers a comprehensive and intuitive learning experience, in a great location. Highly recommended!

Anthony Lemuel T. Lim
(State Solicitor
Office of the Solicitor General, Philippines)

"...Organization was really smooth and professional courses were also really interesting and useful)...An awesome competition law and economic program. It is really complete and interesting with reminder of basics but also a presentation of all the novelties covered in the Conference. The lecturers were all very competent and engaged well with the class. The group dynamic was also great with all the fellows from all the programs & conference. The organization was also almost flawless. It can be noted that the program is quite intense will a lot of classes in one day. I will recommend this program to my colleagues but also the competition law world."

Dr. Hervé Raimana LALLEMANT-MOE
(Polynesian Competition Authority)
CRESSE – OECD EXECUTIVE PROGRAM (CALEP) 2022

"I feel truly fortunate to have attended the CRESSE Summer School, which left me with wonderful and unforgettable memories. Every professor in the courses I joined made a deep impression on me. They generously shared cutting-edge insights from their fields, broadening my understanding of both economics and law. Whenever I stepped into unfamiliar areas and raised questions, the professors responded with professionalism and patience.
At the same time, I had the chance to meet many friends from around the world. Together we studied, joined the carefully arranged trips and dinners by CRESSE, admired the breathtaking sunsets by the sea in Crete, and shared two unforgettable weeks. Words alone cannot fully capture how I feel—I believe this experience will be the best gift I receive this year. Thank you once again to all the staff and professors of CRESSE. "

Zhixue Gao
(Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics)
CRESSE 2025

"Thank you for a very intellectually stimulating (Lawyers') course. Economists and lawyers have different approaches to competition issues. It was enlightening to see the other side of the coin and how economist evaluate competition cases."

Jana Horáková
(Swedish Competition Authority)
LAWYERS' COURSE 2023

CALEP delivered what it promised. I appreciated the ability of the lecturers to present their relevant and relatively high level topics in an easy to follow manner. Case studies and references would certainly help in further readings and research.

Ronald Ramkissoon
(Chairman
Fair Trading Commission of Trinidad and Tobago)

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

I had the privilege of attending the 19th Annual Competition and Regulation Summer School and Conference (CRESSE) on Crete, where I connected with many fascinating individuals from academia, industry, competition authorities,and the government sector. These interactions led to fruitful discussions on topics such as regulation, economic policy, markets, and industrial organization. I also had the unique opportunity to learn from highly respected and knowledgeable professors in the field, who shared their expertise through insightful and challenging lectures. I look back with gratitude on this experience, especially for the valuable connections I made...
Best from Frankfurt,

Christoph W.
(Goethe-Universität)
SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

CRESSE – OECD EXECUTIVE PROGRAM (CALEP) 2025

"I'm truly grateful for my experience at CRESSE 2024, especially at the Summer School. I appreciate the breadth and depth of courses on offer, how approachable the lecturers were in answering our questions, as well as the opportunity to build friendships and professional connections. My time at CRESSE 2024 has expanded my knowledge in competition economics and helped to equip me for the work that I do in a competition and regulatory authority. "

Lee Zi Sheng
(Associate, Economics Malaysian Aviation Commission)

"Participating in the CRESSE 2024 Summer School on Competition Policy was an exceptional opportunity to engage with current topics in competition policy and exchange insights with experts from around the world. It provided a rich learning experience, allowing me to deepen my understanding of key competition issues and benefit from the perspectives of other participants. CRESSE serves as an excellent platform for professionals looking to enhance their skills in competition policy, offering a comprehensive and insightful program... I am eager to continue participating in future CRESSE forums, as they provide invaluable opportunities for learning and professional development."

Octavio OLIVEIRA
(Competition Regulation Specialist- African Civil Aviation Commission)
SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

"It was wonderful to go back to school at CRESSE 2024 at Crete and it was well organised with some great faculties. 10 days of enriching experience with back to back powerful content to enable-refresh us to further sharpen our skill set to effectively apply in our day to day enforcement duties."

Hariprasad Govinda
(Principal Economist Competition Commission of South Africa)

Thanks again for the wonderful organization and hospitality in Rhodes last week. It's been a very fruitful week and kudos to all your efforts.

Man Chee Charlotte Ho
(Hong Kong Competition Commission)
CRESSE - OECD EXECUTIVE PROGRAM (CALEP) 2023

"I want to extend my congratulations for the successful conduct of the CRESSE Summer School and Conference. We had a great time learning in the classes and participating in the parallel/policy sessions, which were very engaging and illuminating. Let me also acknowledge the smooth and excellent flow of the proceedings. "

Mario T. Rosete III
(Economist, Philippine Competition Commission)
CRESSE 2023

"The training was an exceptional experience! The instructors were very dedicated and well-prepared, and the content was excellent. During the training, I gained new knowledge and innovative ways to tackle challenges in my work. Moreover, the treatment of the participants was exceptionally friendly and encouraging. I would genuinely recommend this training to any professional who wants to grow and develop in their field. Thank you for this excellent experience!"

Arizana Progni
(Albanian Competition Authority)
LAWYERS' COURSE 2023

"Thank you for everything. I found CRESSE to be very interesting and rewarding experience: I learned new things, got the chance to meet new friends and interact with very smart professors. I also think that being able to interact with other economists and lawyers from different competitions bureaus and consultancy firms was very interesting."

Camilo Acosta-Mejia
(PhD Candidate Rotman School of Management, Canada)

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

"I take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for the fantastic job that you did··I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the CRESSE conference and summer school and hope to be able to attend again in the future·"

Pauline Rutsaert
(Associate Professor of Practice of Economics New York University Abu Dhabi)
SUMMER SCHOOL 2022 & 2023

"Thank you for a great panel discussion and also a great conference· I was so glad I made in person, enabling me to catch up with some of the leading papers in the field· My team that attended the training also had a great time and definitely seem inspired once more to reach new heights in their work·"

James Hodge
(Chief Economist of the Competition Commission of South Africa)

"Many thanks for all the organization of the CRESSE summer school and conference· It was great and I really enjoyed my time in Rhodes·"

Olga Bohorquez Suarez
(La Poste Groupe, France)
CRESSE 2023

Lawyers' Course 2025

"The CRESSE Lawyers' Course was an excellent opportunity to meet and learn from experts in competition law and policy· The sessions were engaging and provided new insight into competition issues· The long journey to Greece was well worth it··"

Katrina Lopez
(Philippine Competition Commission)
LAWYERS' COURSE 2024

"CALEP was a remarkable opportunity to meet with antitrust professionals from all over the world and to share common experiences· I was truly impressed by the selection of teachers and lecturers present, representing the finest of the antitrust thinkers and scholars of today·"

Gustavo Augusto Freitas de Lima
(Conselheiro/Commissioner Conselho Administrativo de Defesa Econômica - CADE)

The course was excellent in general· The content was top notch The instructor's expertise for the subject was very good, making every session engaging· It was a very good learning experience·

Endi Çekani
(Albanian Competition Authority)
CRESSE - OECD EXECUTIVE PROGRAM (CALEP) 2023

"Perfect organization, careful choice of modules, top professors, interesting empirical and theoretical approaches· A great experience that endowed us useful skills and knowledge for our academic and professional activities·"

Theodora Perrou
(PhD Student Athens University of Economics and Business - Greece)

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

"First of all we would like extend our sincere thanks for granting the colleagues from ECA the opportunity to participate to the 16th Annual Competition and Regulation Summer School and Conference that took place from June 25th to July 7th. It was a very fruitful addition to them that will surely reflect on their work performance at ECA, we hope that other colleagues can have the same chance in the coming rounds."

Toka Hesham
(Deputy Manager International Relations Department, Egyptian Competition Authority)

"I wish to thank the CRESSE Summer School for the opportunity for our young Commission to benefit from the wealth of information and expertise so freely shared through the 2022 Competition Agency Leaders Executive Programme. The presentations were well-designed and the content relevant, impactful and useful."

Christopher Sieuchand
(Commissioner, Fair Trading Commission of Trinidad and Tobago)

I sincerely appreciate the support and assistance you provided during our time in Rhodes. I will cherish the excellent experience and remember the friendship and warm welcome we received.

Petrika Tarusha
(Albania Competition Authority)
SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to be a participant of the 10th CRESSE Lawyers' Course. The course has allowed me to have a better understanding and an appreciation of the role of a lawyer in merger analysis. The knowledge from the course has sharpened my thinking and will lead to valuable contribution to the Namibian Competition Commission.

Aune Amukwa
(Analyst Legal: Mergers and Acquisitions) Namibian Competition Commission
CRESSE LAWYERS' COURSE 2024

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL 2018- Welcome drinks

"The CRESSE summer school was an enriching experience for me! It was organized in an extremely professional manner, with powerful workshops and captivating modules. I had the opportunity to interact with many brilliant people, exchange research ideas, as well as acquire new knowledge and insights on the various topics of the summer school."

Lydia Dimitrakopoulou
(Teaching and Research Associate Department of Economics Vienna University of Economics and Business)
SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

"I have found CALEP an excellent program for leadership in competition authorities. There was a good balance between the breadth and the depth in the courses or the various lectures and courses. This program put into light the key challenges that competition authorities are facing."

Deshmuk Kowlessur
(Competition Commission of Mauritius)

"Everything was excellent and masterfully organised."

Angelos Stenimachitis
(Senior Economist Compass Lexecon)
SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

An extremely helpful and informative course for lawyers. All lecturers were very professional and competent.

Agnė Lukoševičiūtė
(Senior Adviser Lithuanian Competition Council)
LAWYERS' COURSE 2022

"I really enjoyed CRESSE. It was such a privilege to be there and I learned a ton. I like how CRESSE Summer School provides a crash course on essentially all of the main strands of competition policy. The Conference was an awesome perk! There were so many highcalibre speakers and highly topical sessions. It was great to attend and to network with some of the speakers over lunch/dinners. I found the whole experience to be immensely rewarding. I will be a big champion of CRESSE!! I think that some of the Competition Bureau lawyers would also benefit from this as they often have to work closely with economists and interpret economic theories and evidence. I liked how the Advanced Short Courses provided an option to go more "in depth" or "technical" on a particular topic like quantitative techniques."

Matthew Chiasson
(Competition Bureau Canada)

"Congratulations for the lawyers' course, the speakers were experts, and the presented contents will be extremely useful for my professional practice..."

Carlos Garrido Delgado
(Fiscalía Nacional Económica (Chile))

"Thank you very much for a wonderful summer school and conference. It was very well organized and we found the presentations highly relevant and interesting. Hope to see you next year!"

Magdaleen Van Wyk
(Competition Commission South Africa)

"Thank you very much for the amazing organization of the CRESSE events."

Andreea Enache
(Assistant Professor Department of Economics Stockholm School of Economics)

"The participation within the CRESSE played a crucial role in enhancing our capabilities and ensuring the success of our initiatives. It is worth to mention that the level of expertise and professionalism of the expert's involved, extensive variety and depth of the topics covered were used by our specialist in their daily work and contributed to raise the efficiency of our agency's activity".

Public Relations
(The Competition Council of the Republic of Moldova) CRESSE 2023

CRESSE SUMMER SCHOOL, LAWYERS' COURSE & CALEP TESTIMONIES

"The course was intellectually stipulating and rewarding. It was worthy to make the trip to the beautiful; Rhodes Island. Thank you! I hope to attend CRESSE future Events."

Elton Jangale
(PFI Partnerships)

"CRESSE was my first conference /summer school and it was a beautiful experience. Well organised and lovely people all around. Thank you!"

Lukas Brunninger
(Vienna University of Economics and Business)
SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

Y. Katsoulacos, J. Harrington and Summer School 2017 Participants

"Cresse Lawyers' Course 2018 was organized very well. All the professors were excellent and the method of presentation was very interesting. I think that the course was very useful, especially the economic approach. I never had an opportunity to listen some of the topics before, so I have learned a lot."

Marija Kovacevic
(Serbian Competition Authority)

"...Congratulations on the successful program! Overall, the program was excellent. I found the lecture of Prof. Rey especially interesting and relevant to the concerns of our new Commission."

Ma Leonila Papa
(Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairman Philippine Competition Commission)

"Many thanks once again for organising such a great course and for being such a hospitable host."

Derrick Bowles
(Competition Tribunal South Africa)

Y. Katsoulacos, M. Boyer, T.Ross and Summer School Participants

"Participating in the summer school has certainly improved my knowledge of antitrust and will be invaluable throughout my career. Everyone involved with the organization of both the school and the conference did an excellent job, as everything went seamlessly from our perspective. Looking forward to keeping in touch, and certainly hope to attend the conference again!"

Andrew Kelly
(Mergers and Monopolistic Practices Branch Competition Bureau, Government of Canada)

"I would like to thank you for this great summer school. I was impressed by the lecturers we had and thought it was a very useful summer course. My fellow and I are actually organising a workshop for our colleagues at the Netherlands Competition Authority where we will set out what we learned those two weeks."

Anne-Claire Hoyng
(Netherlands Competition Authority)

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"Thank you once again for an excellent course. I learned a lot and am sure that my newly acquired knowledge will come to great use in my work here at the Swedish Competition Authority."

Lena Fredriksson
(Swedish Competition Authority)

"It was great meeting you at the CRESSE Summer School. I enjoyed very much your lecture on the abuse of dominance. The CRESSE conference that you organized was amazing. I was exposed to so many important issues in competition and regulation. All the keynote talks and plenary discussions were very inspiring. I want to thank you for your hospitality and your gracefulness, especially during a difficult time for Greece"

Limin Fang
(Department of Economics University of Toronto)

"You have done a wonderful service to set up CRESSE. It should be a real high point in the year of any participant."

Katharine Rockett
(CRESSE Lecturer – Module 7)
University of Essex, UK

T. Valletti, G. Spagnolo and CRESSE participants 2016

Summer School Participants 2016

"I would express my appreciation for organizing this great summer school. I really enjoyed this precious learning opportunity and had a very good time in Greece!"

Kunyu Wang
(University of Ottawa, Canada)

"No doubt the school was an eye opener. We are hopeful that we will revolutionize competition in Nairobi. The experience was awesome and of course I loved Greece."

Alice Wanja Wanjohi
(Lead Consultant Competition Tribunal of Kenya)

"I would like to thank you one more time for the great time we had during Lawyer's Course both in terms of academic and social experience."

Anna Laszczyk
(Junior Associate, Linklaters, Warsaw, Poland)

"..My thanks go of course to lecturers and organizers – thank you for inviting this course and wish you all the best for the next years."

Robert Neruda
(Partner, Havel, Holásek & Partners s.r.o. Attorneys at law, Czech Republic)

"...A must-attend competition economics course for an academic rich and intellectually stimulating two-weeks' experience in a beautiful location. It is also an excellent forum for practitioners to revise, and challenge the academic literature on competition economics."

Rajeev Hasnah
(Chief Economist/ Dep. Executive Director Competition Commission of Mauritius)

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2016 Summer School Participants

M. Peitz, T. Valletti, B. Jullien, G. Spagnolo, F. Etro, M. Ivaldi and CRESSE 2011 participants

"I would like to thank the organizers and professors who have made CRESSE 2013 so friendly and challenging. At the same time the modules I attended definitely gave me broader insight into the field I'm interested in. The only thing I regret is that I couldn't participate in all classes..."

Yulia Orlova
(PhD Candidate Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

"I would like to congratulate you for hosting the extremely successful CRESSE 2016 Lawyers' Course. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your help in connection with Ms. Buránki's registration and stay in Rhodes."

Orsolya Gartner
(The Hungarian Competition Authority)

"The Competition and Regulation European Summer School was a very useful and pleasant experience. All modules I attended were very well prepared by excellent professors. The course covered different aspects regarding competition and regulation, providing updated information of the evolution of economic theory and the legal framework as well as empiric analysis. The nice location and the excellent organization completed perfectly the courses. I already recommended to other colleagues."

Andreea Radulescu
Expert (Market Analyses and Studies Division) National Regulatory Authority for Communications & Information Technology (ANRCTI), Romania)

"We extend our sincere thanks to you for the idea and organisation of the Lawyers Course we attended. We found the course on "The Role of Economics in Competition Law and Practice" extremely interesting and helpful for competition law practitioners. The quality of the lecturers exceeded all expectations. A combination of teaching skills and the enthusiasm of academics with practical experience in applying economics in a competition law environment helped in understanding issues that are sometimes very difficult for lawyers."

Malgorzata Szwaj
(Partner, Linklaters Warsaw, Poland)

"The experience was simply amazing. The faculty academic expertise combined with the practical experience of the participants created a stimulating environment for discussions and exchanges on the vast field that is Competition Regulation."

Mike Cloutier
(PhD student Queen's University, Canada)

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CRESSE 2025 Conference Dinner

CRESSE 2022 KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Jean Tirole & Prof. Joe Harrington

"...Thank you for attending to us during the (CALEP) course and making this an excellent learning experience."

Emerson Aquende
(Commissioner, Philippine Competition Commission)

"Super Positive Experience. Exceeded my expectations by a lot. The quality of all lecturers is hardly debatable. Hard to find one better group of Lecturers. ..."

Diego Gómez Ruales
(Swedish Competition Commission)

"I am writing to congratulate you for a most wonderfully organized event! It was a great experience for me to be part of it, both for the knowledge it imparted, and also for the connections I was able to forge with worldrenowned academics."

Ivona Zegrean
(University of British Columbia)

"...overall impression of CRESSE is very strong. The efficient organisation, the honoured speakers and the venue create magnificent result. The lecturers were very well informed about the courses of each other, which made the intersections rare."

Alexander Nesterov
(PhD-student, Humboldt University Berlin)

"The CRESSE Summer-School and Conference 2008 was really a great time. Nice people, good atmosphere and of course interesting lessons and lectures with perfect ability for discussions and networking."

Felix T. Rolli
(PhD Student University of Würzburg - Germany)

"The (CALEP) course was enlightening and enriching. I shall come again."

Kenneth Gyado
(Member of the Competition and Consumer Protection Tribunal, Nigeria)

"Let me first thank you for organising this event in a very special location like Rhodes. We had both good teachers and perfect scenary. Also the courses were at a very good level. In fact, we appreciated the summer school so much that we persuaded ANCOM's management to send also next year people to the Summer school."

Florin Dragomir
(National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications of Romania - ANCO)

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"As a junior competition economist, I have found tremendous value in participating this outstanding conference and summer school. Not only I found the chance to present my work but also I complemented the technical education I obtained at the graduate school with the intensive training I received at the summer school. And it was extremely motivating to meet and interact with the top competition scholars from all around the world."

Fatih Cemil Ozbugday
(CentER, TILEC, Tilburg University)

"CRESSE is really a great opportunity not only for European people but also for people coming from non-European countries. It provided me with a thorough glimpse into how European professionals in law and economics work together to develop a sound competition policy. I really learned a lot about the interaction between theory and practice in competition policy and recognized the importance of theoretical foundation through some interesting case studies. Now, I also enjoy friendship with many European colleagues!"

Toru Hattori
(Research Economist, Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry, Japan)

"It was very good experience that we could learn with students worldwide who have high motivation. The contents of classes include both theory and practices. We also met latest issues during classes and conference. It must be a great motivator to have academic analysis at our research. It will also help to understand competition policy in the future."

Madoka Saegusa
(Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry)

"I hope to see you again in conference or next edition of the CRESSE School, which was very useful."

Donata Franzi
(PhD Student in Political Systems and Institutional Changes, IMT Advanced Studies, Lucca)

"It was a great pleasure to present my paper at the CRESSE in Chania. It was excellent to have a scientific conference and a more practice-oriented summer school at the same time so I could socialise with people from academia and practice."

Benjamin Pakula
(Dipl. Vw, Dipl. Kfm Universität Gießen)

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Y. Katsoulacos & K. Katona during the 2025 Young Researchers Awards

"I would like to thank you for organising this great conference including the summer school. We had a great time and met nice and interesting people. Indeed, there have been some really positive and constructive discussions that might result in some cooperations and papers etc. Maybe, we come up with a paper that we can submit for the conference next year."

Katja Frank
(PricewaterhouseCoopers)

"It was a unique experience, where the learning was well connected to the beauty of the scenery; the teaching team was perfect, the subjects discussed were interesting and very much apropos, the organization was great while the opportunity to meet colleagues from other countries is appreciated as a strong point of a successful summer school."

Demetra Kalli
(Case handler Cyprus Commission for the Protection of Competition - Cyprus)

"I enjoyed the Cresse Summer School and found the overall experience useful for my work in international regulatory affairs department in Telecom Italia. It was also very useful to meet the colleagues from all over the Europe, coming both from the Authorities and from the sector Companies and to exchange the ideas on the problems that we have to face in our everyday work. Last but not least, I appreciated the efficiency and the friendship of the organizers and of other participants."

Pinar Serdengecti
(Analyst, Telecom Italia - Italy)

"I found CRESSE to be a great learning experience both for economics relating to competition and regulation and also for law. I would recommend this conference for lawyers who wish to gain a firm grounding in competition and regulatory economics, who wish to understand the policy issues relating to European and EU regulatory and competition enforcement and who also wish to meet academics, practitioners and applied economists in the regulatory and competition fields, who come from many different jurisdictions. The taught seminars are interesting, well prepared and well presented and the conference programme is well selected. The venue is very pleasant and easily accessible with friendly and helpful support staff and many opportunities for informal discussions."

Ashley Roughton
(Barrister, Hogarth Chambers - England)

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"The summer school was a great experience. I attended Motta and Lyon's classes, and they were both excellent and well-prepared teachers. The school was located in beautiful surroundings by the seaside. I would recommend the summer school to people working with competition or regulation."

Veronica Storlid Kvinge
(Case handler, Norwegian Competition Authority - Norway)

"The European Summer School for Executives was a good experience. One cannot underestimate the value of meeting foreign collegues at the NRAs and also participants from companies dealing with related issues. The courses were motivating and useful. The teachers were obviously skilled. The school provided lectures at different levels, and one could find modules that suited different needs. Overall good service at a niceand convenient scenery."

Gunnar Angaard
(Senior Advisor, Norwegian Post and Telecommunications Authority - Norway)

"Very Good Professors and great approach to content. The right methodology: including case analysis, and economic theory. Open to consider different realities from the classical economic situations that always apply. Good sharing of different experiences between the group. It was a very rich experience."

Beatriz Imperatori
(Director, Centromarca- Portugal)

C. Caffarra, Y. Katsoulacos & CRESSE team, Heraklion 2022

"I enjoyed the Summer School very much. Excellent courses. Very good speakers, well presented and lots of opportunity to discuss both in small groups and in the larger group. Attending the courses allowed me to enlarge my interests. Thank you very much for the good organization."

Emilie Dargaud
(PhD Student, GATE - France)

"CRESSE 2007 has been an important step in my path of understanding regulation and competition issues, especially from the theoretical point of view. The program's aim is to offer an extensive overview of a wide range of issues in industrial economics and law. It is mainly thought for professional and executives but even if you are a PhD student there is space enough to learn from this experience. I would recommend this summer school to young researchers and experienced willing to learn or refresh their knowledge on regulation and industrial organization."

Alberto Fossaluzza
(PhD Student, University of Padua - Italy)

"It was a great experience. Excellent courses combined with the beauty of the island of Corfu and the efficient organization."

Chrysostomos Kostis
(National Center for Public Administration - Greece)

"Our team had good learnings and a very nice time on Crete ."

Rainer Lademann
(Managing Partner & Honorary Professor Institute for Marketing and Retailing of the Georg-August University of Göttingen)

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