Chère Céline,

I am writing on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Global Competition Law Centre, and I am pleased to invite you to participate and contribute as a speaker at the 2023 GCLC Annual Conference.

As you know, the Global Competition Law Center (GCLC) is a non-profit research institution affiliated with the College of Europe, which aims to promote cutting-edge research and policy discussions in the field of competition law and economics. Over more than a decade, it has established itself as a unique forum for policy discussions and research on EU competition law and economics, associating private practitioners, enforcers and academics. The GCLC organizes a variety of high-quality events to the benefit of the EU competition law community, which include very popular Lunch-Talks devoted to recent developments, Evening Policy Talks with senior policymakers, and a variety of conferences. The GCLC’s flagship event is its highly-regarded two-day Annual Conference on a major competition policy topic of current interest, which features leading enforcement officials (EU and national), judges, academics, members of the competition bar and economists.

The 2023 GCLC Annual Conference, scheduled to take place in Brussels on 20-21 April, aims to explore the role for competition law in the evolving geopolitical context in energy markets. The conference’s aims are described in the first page of the attached programme. The conference invites academics, enforcers, practitioners, industry representatives to reflect on the topic. Against this background, the Executive Committee would like to invite you to contribute to this event by participating in the fourth panel, which would take place on 20 April 2023.

This panel will discuss how to preserve the level playing field in the energy transition. Topics will include EU funding (Recovery and Resilience Facility and REPowerEU), nationalizations, the external dimension of preserving a level playing field (e.g., foreign subsidies, carbon border adjustment), phasing out of the EU’s dependence on Russian fossil fuels, the EU response to US subsidies.

As a speaker, you are also expected to take an active role in the organization of the panel, in cooperation with the chair and the other speakers. Also, you are very welcome to publish a written contribution in the conference proceedings to be published in the GCLC Book Series.

Should you be able to accept our invitation, I would ask you to send us a proposed title for your speech (within of course the broad topic covered by your panel) by 15 February 2023, to allow us to finalise the programme.
Thank you very much in advance for considering this invitation. In the meantime, should you have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Bien à vous,

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