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# Masterclass

## The Pricing Toolbox

### - The Essentials & Advanced Methods -

European's leading platform for pricing decision makers sharing intelligence and best practices, through a variety of interactive workshops, events and media.

## OVERVIEW

### THE PRICING TOOLBOX: ESSENTIALS & ADVANCED

Building on a validated theoretical framework as well as on many case studies from different industries, the seminar will convey insights that go beyond the classical assumptions and tools of price research and strategy. Traditional price management and the formal modelling of optimal prices are based upon the assumption of a rational decision-maker. Although this simplification facilitates mathematical modelling and arithmetical price optimisation, it totally ignores potential margins that arise from the consistently suboptimal decision strategies of real-life customers.

There are already a wealth of empirical findings and soundly based theories on this subject that are of immediate relevance to practice and that highlight potential margins that far exceed what can be revealed and used by employing classic methods.

This 2-day training also intends to deliberately promote an exchange of participants' experiences in this field, and furthermore pick up on specific challenges participants face in their business practice.

### OBJECTIVES

The intention of this seminar is to...

- explain systematic errors that people repeatedly make when arriving at purchase decisions
- discuss real-life examples that exploit these errors through appropriate price strategies
- demonstrate how these findings can be used to improve classic pricing tools (e.g. conjoint analysis) without losing their advantages
- show how to effectively convert the insights into price promotions and price communication
- derive opportunities for implementing these findings in your own pricing approach and internal decision and controlling process

### FOR WHOM ?

Members of the management team as well as marketing, market research, and product managers – in short, anyone who deals with pricing and its associated problems within a company.

## YOUR COACHES ?

### **BELGIUM**



Nicole Huyghe is the founder of solutions-2, a dynamic and innovative research consultancy company specialised in statistical advice, analysis and training. Nicole, who has an Engineering degree from the University of Gent and an MA in Applied Statistics from the University of California at Berkeley, has more than 14 years of experience in statistical consultancy. She has worked both at client and agency side. Prior to starting solutions-2 (October 2002), she has been spending five years in the market research industry in London and worked for Procter & Gamble, NOP World and MORPACE International. Recently she worked on projects for Toyota, Converse, Procter & Gamble, Alcon, Innogenetics, GfK, Synovate China, The Henley Centre, Ipsos. [www.solutions2.be](http://www.solutions2.be)

### **NETHERLANDS**



Tijs Rotmans is currently working as Managing Partner of The Pricing Company. The mission of The Pricing Company is to help organizations to improve their business results through better pricing. Prior to teaming up The Pricing Company, Tijs occupied KPN's most interesting position: Manager Strategic Pricing, responsible for the fixed and mobile services of the Consumer Market. His education in Physics serves a good basis for quantitative aspects of these pricing tools. Since 2005 he is a participant of the European Pricing Platform, a knowledge platform for pricing professionals. Within the platform, he was active in the Dutch Reference Board. [www.thepricingplatform.eu](http://www.thepricingplatform.eu)

## **GERMANY**



Dr. Florian Bauer studied Psychology and Economics at the Technical University in Darmstadt, at MIT, and at Harvard University. He devoted himself to research into decision anomalies and the psychological effects of price, which were also the subjects of his doctorate. In 1996 he began his career as a strategy consultant at Booz, Allen & Hamilton in Frankfurt, where he mainly worked on behalf of international telecommunications and media companies. In 1999 two colleagues joined him in founding Vocatus AG in Munich, a full-service market research and consulting company that now employs over 60 staff. Florian Bauer lectures at the Technical University in Darmstadt, the Professional Association of German Market and Social Researchers (BVM), and the Bavarian Academy for Advertising and Marketing. He is also head of the Advisory Committee of the Professional Association of German Market and Social Researchers (BVM). [www.vocatus.com](http://www.vocatus.com)

## **PROGRAM**

### **DAY 1: THE ESSENTIALS**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION: THE WORLD OF PRICING**

- Turnover, volume, cost and profit
- Price as the most important lever
- Willingness to pay as the starting point
- Price segmentation und forms of price differentiation
- Relevant market characteristics (e.g. B2B, B2C)
- Innovative price strategies
- Typical pricing issues

#### **2. PRICING TOOLS: APPROACH, ADVANTAGES AND APPROPRIATENESS**

- Analysis of purchase data
- Quantitative market research tools
  - Van Westendorp / PSM & Gabor Granger
  - BPTO (Brand Price Trade Off)
  - Conjoint Analysis (ACA/CBC and recent developments)
  - Experimental Designs
- Qualitative market research tools

## DAY 2: THE ART OF PRICING

### 3. 'PSYCHO-LOGICAL' PRICING

- "Homo economicus" versus "real consumer"
- General framework: "The Psychological Price Profile"
- Group work I and case study
- Price-based consumer typology
- Pricing beyond quantifying price sensitivity
- Group work II and case study

### 4. COMBINING THE BEST OF TWO WORLDS

- Enhancing classical tools (PSM, Conjoint)
- Several case studies
- Transferring the insights to participants individual pricing issues

## PRACTICAL

### DURATION

Two days, from 9 AM until 17.30 PM

### REGISTER

Click on following link:

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Or E-mail: [britt.dejager@pricingplatform.eu](mailto:britt.dejager@pricingplatform.eu)

After finishing your registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail. The invoice will be send to you by registered mailing. One week before the training you will receive a route description.

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## TRAINING LANGUAGE

Language of trainings depends upon the language barrier from the registrants. When there are international registrants, the training will be in English.

## QUESTIONS ?



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## ABOUT THE ePP

**The European Pricing Platform (ePP) is the first, independent, European platform and network focused to support pricing decision makers in a wide variety of industries and sectors.**

### **The ePP brings the best of pricing in Europe !**

On the ePP you can find and share pricing knowledge, best practices and tools, extend your network of pricing professionals, build and update relations, and search and post pricing jobs.

The ePP offers a platform and network for everyone involved in pricing decision making: general managers, marketing, sales, operations, and financial management. Professors and lecturers at European universities working on pricing research and projects link academic knowledge to managerially relevant pricing knowledge and solutions.

## BENEFITS OF JOINING THE ePP

- ✓ **A focused network of pricing decision makers**
- ✓ **Sharing on- and offline connections**
  - Be found & search engine: by name, company or keywords
  - Keep track of your network
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- ✓ **Sharing pricing knowledge and best practices**
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