



Introductory Seminar for Young Staff

Competition law principles and procedures

📍 Budapest, Hungary

📅 16-19 May 2022

Seminar objectives

The aim of this seminar is to provide young authority staff with an opportunity to deepen their knowledge of key notions and procedures in competition law enforcement. Experienced practitioners from OECD countries will share their knowledge and engage in lively exchanges with the participants on cartels, mergers and abuse of dominance. We will discuss basic legal and economic theories as well as the relevant case law. Participants will also have a chance to face and discuss procedural issues through practical exercises.

The speakers



Judit Buránszki
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Anna Fekete
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Lisa Schwarz
Federal Competition
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Livia West
The Vectors, Brussels



László Bak
Vice President
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Vitaly Pruzhansky
Partner, RBB Economics,
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Ori Schwartz
Head of the Competition
Division, OECD



Renato Ferrandi
Senior Competition Expert
OECD

Agenda

Monday, 16 May 2022	
09.00-10.00	OPENING REMARKS, GROUP PHOTO, TOUR DE TABLE Mr László Bak, Vice President of the GVH Mr Renato Ferrandi, Coordinator of OECD-GVH training activities
10.00-10.30	ANTITRUST INFRINGEMENTS AND MERGER REVIEWS What are they and why do we care so much? Mr Renato Ferrandi (OECD, Paris)
10.30-10.45	COFFEE BREAK
10.45-11.45	Cartels DETECTION How to find the evidence diamond mines Ms Lisa Schwarz (Federal Competition Authority, Austria)
11.45-12.30	INVESTIGATION The Big Dig - how to find the fact diamonds in the pile of fact coal Ms Livia West (The Vectomy, Brussels)
12.30-14.00	LUNCH
14.00-15.00	FINES AND SETTLEMENTS Ensuring deterrence Mr Renato Ferrandi (OECD, Paris)
15.00-15.15	Illustration of an hypothetical case on cartels Mr Renato Ferrandi (OECD, Paris)
15.15-15.30	COFFEE BREAK
15.30-17.00	BREAK OUT SESSION Discussion on the hypothetical case on cartels Moderated by the speakers
19.00-21.00	WELCOME DINNER

Tuesday, 17 May 2022

09.00-10.30	Abuse of dominance THE REQUISITES FOR ENFORCEMENT Market definition and market dominance Ms Anna Fekete and Ms Judit Buránszki (GVH, Hungary)
10.30-10.45	COFFEE BREAK
10.45-11.45	THE NOTION OF ABUSE Exclusionary and exploitative practices Mr Ori Schwartz (OECD, Paris)
11.45-12.30	TACKLING THE ABUSE Fines and commitments Mr Renato Ferrandi (OECD, Paris)
12.30-14.00	LUNCH
14.00-15.00	DIFFERENT VIEWS ON ABUSIVE CONDUCT Some key cases in the EU and in the US Ms Livia West (The Vectory, Brussels)
15.00-15.15	Illustration of an hypothetical case on abuse of dominance Mr Renato Ferrandi (OECD, Paris)
15.15-15.30	COFFEE BREAK
15.30-17.00	BREAK OUT SESSION Discussion on the hypothetical case on abuse of dominance Moderated by the speakers
19.00-21.00	DINNER

Wednesday, 18 May 2022

09.00-10.15	Merger review PROCEDURE AND ASSESSMENT (PART 1) Steps for an effective scrutiny Ms Judit Buránszki (GVH, Hungary)
10.15-10.30	COFFEE BREAK
10.30-11.45	PROCEDURE AND ASSESSMENT (PART 2) Theories of harm Mr Vitaly Pruzhansky (Partner, RBB Economics, Brussels)
11.45-12.30	THE OUTCOME OF MERGER CASES Focus on merger remedies Ms Lisa Schwarz (Federal Competition Authority, Austria)
12.30-14.00	LUNCH
14.00-15.00	Procedural fairness THE PROCEDURAL RECIPE FOR A GOOD INVESTIGATION Relevance and principles Mr Ori Schwartz (OECD, Paris)
15.00-15.15	Illustration of an hypothetical merger case Mr Renato Ferrandi (OECD, Paris)
15.15-15.30	COFFEE BREAK
15.30-17.00	BREAK OUT SESSION Discussion on the hypothetical merger case Moderated by the speakers
19.00-21.00	DINNER

Thursday, 19 May 2022

9.00-9.45	Vertical restraints COMPETITION CONCERNS Traditional and “digital” restrictions Mr Lisa Schwarz (Federal Competition Authority, Austria)
9.45-10.30	FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE Key cases concerning vertical restraints Ms Livia West (The Vectors, Brussels)
10.30-10.45	COFFEE BREAK
10.45-12.00	CARRYING OUT EFFECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS Issues and solutions Ms Anna Fekete (GVH, Hungary)
12.00-13.00	CLOSING SESSION Final quiz, evaluation questionnaires and final remarks
13.00-14.00	LUNCH
19.00-21.00	DINNER