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COMPETITION LAB FOR JUDGES

*Stepping up with the fundamentals of competition law:
key developments in digital markets and regulated industries*

A Seminar on European Competition Law for National Judges

 **Budapest, Hungary**

 **30-31 May 2023**

Seminar objectives

The Hungarian Competition Authority (GVH) will hold a competition law seminar for judges in the framework of the OECD-GVH Regional Centre for Competition in Budapest (RCC) on **30-31 May 2023 in Budapest** as part of the **Single Market Programme** (SMP) of the European Union. Please note that the seminar will receive funding from the European Union.

The seminar entitled “**Stepping up with the fundamentals of competition law: key developments in digital markets and regulated industries**” aims at assisting judges in their task of reviewing the decisions of national competition authorities and enforcing competition law in cases relating to digital and regulated markets. In this regard, the seminar will provide national judges with a comprehensive overview of relevant recent EU practice and case law concerning digital markets and regulated sectors. To better highlight the application of traditional EU competition law concepts in such markets, the seminar will also cover recent developments on key concepts of EU competition law, such as dominance and abuse as well as guidance and enforcement practice with regard to agreements between economic operators, including cooperation agreements between competitors and policy considerations that arise in digital markets, such as innovation, security of supply and sustainability.

The topics will be addressed and discussed by **competition experts from OECD member countries**. Practical exercises on hypothetical cases involving all participants will provide a great opportunity to apply the learnings of the seminar in practice. Furthermore, participants will be engaged in Q&A sessions with the experts and will be encouraged to share their experience with one another to promote further cooperation and networking.

We encourage judges who wish to increase their understanding of competition law to participate in the seminar. Please be informed that the seminar is open to national judges, prosecutors and apprentice national judges who are dealing with competition law issues in one of the eligible countries of the Single Market Programme.

Each applicant is kindly requested to indicate their prior experience in general European competition law.

Please note that a good command of English is a prerequisite for the registration. **Participation in the seminar will be free of charge; the costs will be covered by EU and GVH funds.**

One place will be reserved for one applicant from each of the eligible countries. In case of multiple applications from the same country, candidates will be selected on the basis of a number of criteria, including the institution of the applicants, their position, the years of relevant experience and previous pertinent training.

Participants shall arrange their own travel and their travel expenses (economy class) will be reimbursed by the organizers after the seminar. The cost of local transportation (taxi, airport shuttle, public transport) and the cost of travel insurance will not be reimbursed. The organizers will take care of the reservations and cover the costs of accommodation for three nights on 29, 30 and 31 May 2023. Participants will be invited to a gala dinner on 30 May and will receive lunch on 30 and 31 May 2023.

Please be informed that a necessary precondition for reimbursement is actual participation in the entire training, which means that if someone cannot participate for any reason whatsoever, we cannot reimburse their costs. It is important to specify that the participant will be liable for refunding any costs incurred due to the modification or cancellation of a registration that has already been accepted by the event organisers.

Please note that the deadline for submitting your registration is **3 April 2023**. Applicants will be notified by 7 April 2023 if their registration has been accepted.

Should you have any questions about the event, please contact Ms. Miranda Molnár (molnar.miranda@gvh.hu, phone: +36-1-472-8958).

Please forward this announcement to your colleagues who may be interested in participating.
