Virtual seminar

Competition policy to ensure a level playing field between private and public firms

 Online   15-16 December 2020

Seminar objectives

It is a fundamental principle of competition law and policy that firms should compete on their merits and should not benefit from undue advantages due to their ownership or nationality. This seminar will address the challenges of enforcing competition rules against state-owned enterprises and the advocacy actions that can help governments to achieve competitive neutrality between publicly-owned and privately-owned competitors.

The speakers

Ms Eleanor Fox, Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation at New York University School of Law

Mr Antonio Capobianco, Acting Head of the Competition Division, OECD

Mr Bogdan Chiriţoiu, President of the Romanian Competition Council

Mr Eddy De Smijter, Head of the International Relations Unit, DG Competition, European Commission

Mr Matteo Giangaspero, Competition Expert, OECD

Ms Salome Kavtaradze, Head of the Division for the detection and prevention of anticompetitive agreements, Georgian Competition Authority

Mr Joaquín López Vallés, Director of the Department for Competition Advocacy, National Commission for Markets and Competition, Spain

Mr Chris Pike, Competition Expert, OECD

Ms Ivana Rakić, Special Adviser, Commission for Protection of Competition, Serbia

Mr Kjell J. Sunnevåg, Director for External Relations, Norwegian Competition Authority

Ms Gabriella Szilágyi, Head of the International Section, GVH Hungary

Mr Andrey Tsyganov, Deputy Head of the FAS, Russia

Ms Sabine Zigelski, Senior Competition Expert, OECD

Mr Renato Ferrandi, Senior Competition Expert and Coordinator of OECD-GVH training activities, OECD

Agenda

Tuesday – 15 December 2020 POLICY PERSPECTIVES
09.30-10.00 **(Paris time)**	**OPENING REMARKS** Mr László Bak, Vice President of the GVH, Hungary Mr Renato Ferrandi, Coordinator of OECD-GVH training activities, OECD
Morning session	
10.00-10.45	**How competition authorities can promote competitive neutrality** Mr Chris Pike, Competition Expert, OECD Mr Renato Ferrandi, Coordinator of OECD-GVH training activities, OECD
10.45-11.45	**Foreign direct investments in the EU: the activity of the EC, with a focus on the Foreign Subsidies Initiative** Mr Eddy De Smijter, Head of the International Relations Unit, DG COMP, EC *Discussant: Mr Matteo Giangaspero, Competition Expert, OECD*
Afternoon session	
14.30-16.30	**KEYNOTE SPEECH** **When the State Harms Competition - The Role for Competition Law** Professor Eleanor Fox, New York University School of Law Mr Antonio Capobianco, Acting Head of the Competition Division, OECD
Wednesday, 16 December 2020 EXPERIENCE SHARING	
Morning session	
09.30-09.45	**Introduction** Mr Renato Ferrandi, Coordinator of OECD-GVH training activities, OECD
9.45-11.45	**ROUNDTABLE: COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY IN EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA** *Moderator: Ms Sabine Zigelski, Senior Competition Expert, OECD* Ms Salome Kavtaradze, Head of Anticompetitive Agreements Division, Georgia Mr Bogdan Chiriţoiu, President of the Romanian Competition Council, Romania Mr Andrey Tsyganov, Deputy Head of the FAS, Russia Ms Ivana Rakić, Special Adviser, Commission for Protection of Competition, Serbia

	Afternoon session
14.00-16.00	**ROUNDTABLE: COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS** *Moderator: Ms Gabriella Szilágyi, Head of the International Section, GVH Hungary* **Advocating competitive neutrality in Spain** Mr Joaquín López Vallés, Director for Competition Advocacy, NCMC, Spain **Tools for Addressing Competitive Neutrality: the experience in Norway** Mr Kjell J. Sunnevåg, Director for External Relations, Norwegian Competition Authority **Towards a level playing field between SOEs and private entities in ASEAN** Mr Matteo Giangaspero, Competition Expert, OECD
16.00-16.15	**CLOSING SESSION** **Final remarks** Mr Renato Ferrandi, Coordinator of OECD-GVH training activities, OECD Ms Gabriella Szilágyi, Head of the International Section, GVH Hungary