

# JUDICIAL REVIEW AND MERGER CONTROL

## OECD-GVH RCC Heads of Agency Meeting

 **Budapest, Hungary**

 **26 March 2024**

In a globalised world, high expertise and international cooperation have become indispensable for competition authorities. Building on the successful experience of the Centre over the last almost 20 years and the international initiatives in these areas, the event will explore two of the main concerns for our Regional Agencies and give the Heads of the beneficiary agencies an opportunity to discuss the current and future RCC work and to discuss and shape future programs.

- The relationships of competition agencies with the judiciary, and how to best ensure that a case will withstand appeal. We will make an analysis of the experience of judicial review and focus on the best approach to create strong decisions that can be upheld by the Courts.
- How to deal with Merger control, finding the adequate balance between letting local companies grow and stopping those operations that could lead to a harm in the market.

## Guest Speakers



**Patty Brink**  
Senior Counsel  
U.S. DOJ



**Frédéric Jenny**  
Chairman of the OECD  
Competition Committee



**Paul Csiszár**  
Director at DG Competition  
European Commission



**Maria Ioanna Rantou**  
Referendaire  
European Court of Justice



**Francisco Marcos**  
Professor of Business IE School  
Madrid

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**Csaba Balázs Rigó**  
President  
Hungarian Competition Authority



**Ori Schwartz**  
Head of the OECD Competition  
Division



**María Pilar Canedo**  
Academic Director  
OECD-GVH RCC

## Speakers from the Region



**Denar Biba**  
Chairman  
Albanian Competition  
Authority



**Adisa Begić**  
President  
Competition Council of  
Bosnia and Herzegovina



**Gegham Ghevorgyan**  
Chairman  
Competition Protection  
Commission of Armenia



**Mammad Abbasbeyli**  
President  
State Service for  
Antimonopoly & Consumer  
Market Control, Azerbaijan



**Mirta Kapural**  
President  
Croatian Competition  
Agency



**Irakli Lekvinadze**  
President  
Georgian Competition and  
Consumer Agency



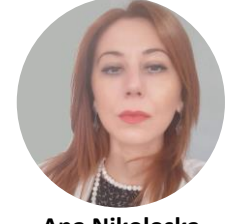
**Rustam Akhmetov**  
First Deputy Chairman  
Kazakhstan Competition  
Authority



**Neime Binaku Isufi**  
President  
Competition Authority of  
Kosovo



**Alexei Gherdescu**  
Chairman  
Moldovan Competition  
Council



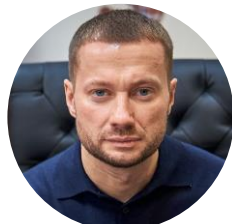
**Ana Nikoloska**  
President  
Commission for the  
Protection of Competition  
of North Macedonia



**Bogdan Marius Chiritoiu**  
President  
Romanian Competition  
Council



**Čedomir Radojčić**  
Member of the Council  
Serbian Commission for  
Protection of Competition



**Pavlo Kyrylenko**  
Chair  
Antimonopoly Committee  
of Ukraine



**Asadulla Kayumov**  
Deputy Chairman  
Competition Promotion  
Committee of Uzbekistan

# Agenda of the Meeting

Monday, 25 March 2024	
19.00-22.30	Welcome dinner
Tuesday, 26 March 2024	
09.30-09.45	<b>Opening remarks</b> Csaba Balázs Rigó, President of the Hungarian Competition Authority Ori Schwartz, Head of the OECD Competition Division
09.45-10.15	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH</b> Frédéric Jenny, Chairman of the OECD Competition Committee
10.15-10.30	Coffee break
10.30-11.15	<b>JUDICIAL CONTROL OF COMPETITION AGENCIES</b> , moderated by Ori Schwartz <b>Judicial control of administrative decisions: A view from a National Agency and the EU Court of Justice</b> Maria Ioanna Rantou, European Court of Justice <b>How judges deal with competition cases. Some research all over Europe</b> Francisco Marcos, IE School Madrid
11.15- 12.30	<b>SOME EXPERIENCES FROM THE REGION</b> , moderated by María Pilar Canedo Gegham Gevorgyan, President, Armenia Adisa Begić, President, Bosnia and Herzegovina Mirta Kapural, President, Croatia Alexei Ghertescu, President, Moldova Marius Bogdan Chirițoiu, President, Romania Pavlo Kyrylenko, President, Ukraine
12.30-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-14.30	<b>MERGER CONTROL – A COMPARATIVE EU/US PERSPECTIVE</b> Moderated by Ori Schwartz Patty Brink, US DOJ Paul Csiszár, DG COMP
14.30-14.45	Coffee break
14.45-16.05	<b>SOME EXPERIENCES FROM THE REGION</b> , moderated by María Pilar Canedo Gegham Gevorgyan, President, Armenia Denar Biba, President, Albania Mammad Abbasbeyli, President, Azerbaijan Mirta Kapural, President, Croatia Irakli Lekvinadze, President, Georgia Alexei Ghertescu, President, Moldova Marius Bogdan Chirițoiu, President, Romania Asadulla Kayumov, Deputy Chairman, Uzbekistan
16.05-16.20	<b>THE RCC IN THE FACE OF THE CURRENT CHALLENGES</b> Moderated by María Pilar Canedo
16.20-16.30	<b>FINAL REMARKS</b> Csaba Balázs Rigó, President of the Hungarian Competition Authority María Pilar Canedo, Academic Director of the OECD-GVH RCC
16.30-20.00	Social event – cocktail reception, House of Music Hungary, sightseeing bus tour