

TOOLS FOR INCREASING EFFICIENCY IN ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT

Agenda

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Compliance in competition involves a broad range of tools that try to enhance respect to competition law by companies and public entities. Deterrence is key to reach this goal and agencies need to find efficient and proportional ways to increase the level of competition culture and respect of the rules.

Among the different elements that can be considered part of the concept competition compliance we are going to focus on those that involve a more direct implication of the competition agency:

- Market studies: Knowledge of the working of markets in an economy is key to be able to monitor the conduct of agencies and identify infringements or competition barriers. The economic methodology needed to decide on the fields where those studies can be more helpful and to understand the working of markets will be developed in this part of the seminar.
- Dawn raids: One of the most deterrent actions a competition agency can design is the conduction of strongly grounded inspections in the venues of companies after having conducted the necessary analysis of information leading to indicia of infringements. The use of new tools based on digitalization and AI will be part of our discussion.
- Calculation of sanctions: the imposition of sanctions that create a deterrent effect being proportional and respecting rights of defence for the companies, requires a very controversial methodology that will be analysed during the seminar and discussed among the participants.

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09.30-10.15	Opening remarks Ms Jasna Vujović, General Director for Internal Market and Competition, Ministry of Economic Development of Montenegro Mr Dragan Damjanović, President, Montenegrin Agency for Protection of Competition Mr Attila Sipos, Secretary General of the Hungarian Competition Authority Ms María Pilar Canedo, Academic Director of the OECD-GVH Regional Centre Tour de table, family picture
10.15-10.45	Key elements for increasing efficiency of competition enforcement Ms María Pilar Canedo, Academic Director of the OECD-GVH Regional Centre
10.45-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-12.15	The relevance of market studies in relation to enforcement and advocacy of competition law Mr Zombor Berezvai, Chief Economist, Hungarian Competition Authority
12.15-14.00	Lunch break

14.00-14.45	Managing market studies without getting lost – Examples from Italy Mr Renato Ferrandi, Head of International and European Affairs, Italian Competition Authority
14.45-15.00	Coffee break
15.00-17.00	Experiences with market studies Starting with Mr Vuk Lekovic (Serbia) and Ms Carmen Zanfir (Romania)
20.00-22.00	Welcome dinner at Šipčanik Wine Cellar
25 September 2024 Dawn raids for competition cases	
09.30-10.15	Design and implementation of a market study: one particular example Mr Zombor Berezvai, Chief Economist, Hungarian Competition Authority
10.15-11.00	Successful dawn raid: tricks and tips Ms Jutta Wimmer, Special Unit for Combating Cartels, Bundeskartellamt
11.00-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-12.00	Digital tools used in dawn raids Mr Alfonso García Jimenez, Spanish National Commission on Markets and Competition
12.00-13.15	Lunch break
13.15-14.00	The application for necessary judicial warrants and procedural aspects connected with dawn raids Ms Jutta Wimmer, Special Unit for Combating Cartels, Bundeskartellamt
14.00-15.00	Using intelligence to detect cartels Mr Alfonso García Jimenez, Spanish National Commission on Markets and Competition
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-17.00	Hypothetical case on dawn raids
26 September 2024 Deterrence and competition law	
09.30-10.15	The art of calculating monetary sanctions Mr Renato Ferrandi, Head of International and European Affairs, Italian Competition Authority
10.15-11.15	Other measures: Sanctions to natural persons, debarment, and disqualification Ms María Pilar Canedo, Academic Director of the OECD-GVH Regional Centre
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.20	Final remarks and Kahoot game Zombor Berezvai, Renato Ferrandi, Alfonso García, Jutta Wiemer, María Pilar Canedo
12.20-12.30	Delivery of certificates
12.30-15.00	Lunch