Workshop on Cartel Investigation Procedures: Leniency Programmes, Dawn Raids and Public Procurement Issues

Rovinj, Croatia, 11 – 13 June 2013

Workshop Objectives
Many competition authorities around the world give high priority to cartel detection and prosecution. Effective leniency programmes and investigation tools as well as increasing public awareness are focal points of the seminar. The presentations will show how leniency programmes can be implemented successfully and give insights into best practices of onsite investigations and the subsequent evaluation of documentary and other evidence. We will also talk about raising awareness for cartels that affect public procurement and look at case examples throughout the seminar. The topics will be addressed and discussed in lectures and case studies by competition experts from OECD countries as well as case studies presented by the Croatian competition authority. A roundtable discussion will follow each presentation. Two practical exercises for all participants will provide opportunities for learning and exchange.

Agenda

Tuesday, 11 June
09.00 – 09.30 Welcome and opening speech by Ms Olgica Spevec (President of the Croatian Competition Agency)
09.30 – 10.00 Opening remarks GVH and group photo (Mr. Miklós Juhász, President of the GVH)
10.00 – 11.00 Leniency programs in the United States (Jon B. Jacobs, US Department of Justice)
11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break
11.15 – 12.15 Leniency Programmes (Christof Vollmer, Bundeskartellamt Germany)
12.15 – 13.45 Lunch in the hotel restaurant
13.45 – 14.45 Cartel detection and public procurement (Sabine Zigelski, OECD)
14.45 – 15.00 Coffee break
15.00 – 17.00 Hypothetical case exercise – marker (Sabine Zigelski, OECD)
Wednesday, 12 June

09.00 – 11.00 Multi company cartels – case study: The tree-pruning cartel (Haim Arbiv, Israel Antitrust Authority)
11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break
11.15 – 12.15 Information: The basis for dawn raids (Csépai Balázs, GVH Hungary)
12.15 – 13.00 Bus cartel in Croatia (Marko Brgic, CCA, Croatia)
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch in the hotel restaurant
14.00 – 14.45 Country presentation on leniency, dawn raids and public procurement Russia
14.45 – 15.45 How the antitrust division conducts searches and seizures (Jon B. Jacobs, US Department of Justice)
15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break
16.00 – 17.00 Dawn raids (Christof Vollmer, Bundeskartellamt Germany)

Thursday, 13 June

09.00 – 09.45 CCA vs. Office Products Retailers´ Association and its members - cartel agreement (Mirta Kapural, CCA, Croatia)
09.45 – 10.00 Coffee break
10.00 – 12.30 Dawn raid exercises (Sabine Zigelski, OECD)
12.30 – 13.00 Discussion and closing remarks
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch in the hotel restaurant