



EC Competition Law Fundamentals
Seminar for National Judges
Budapest, November 30/December 1, 2007

The OECD-Hungary Regional Centre for Competition in Budapest and the Competition Division of the OECD are inviting European judges at national courts in new EU member countries, applicant countries and other countries in South East Europe who are concerned with the application of competition law to participate in a seminar on “EC Competition Law Fundamentals.” The seminar will be held on November 30 and December 1 2007 at the Hungarian Judicial Academy in Budapest. The seminar will be held in English.

The seminar will provide an overview of key legal and economic concepts in EC competition law, emphasizing the analysis of selected European and national competition cases, and offering participants ample opportunity to exchange their views and learn from other participants' experiences. Breakout sessions will allow participants to analyse cases and discuss their experience in small, interactive groups. Experienced speakers will introduce the issues and lead the discussion.

To address in particular the judicial perspective of competition cases in private litigation, the seminar will include a practical session that will provide hand-on training about how to organise and conduct a competition case, including how to use economic experts.

Speakers will include:

- João Azevedo, OECD Competition Division
- Dr. Horst Butz-Solingen, District Court, Düsseldorf, Germany
- Andeas Reindl, Fordham University, New York
- Tbd, Gazdasági Versenyhivatal (the Hungarian Competition Authority), Hungary

Participation in the seminar is free of charge. Travel costs will be reimbursed up to approximately € 800. Additional details concerning travel arrangements and reimbursement will be provided following registration.

A preliminary agenda can be found below.

To find out more

Judges interested in attending the seminar are encouraged to contact Ms. Emese Borza at phone: (+36-1) 472-8995, fax: (+36-1) 472-8898, email: BORZA.Emese@gvh.hu.



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Friday, November 30

- 8.45-9.15 Registration & Welcome
- 9.15-12.15 Restrictive Agreements and Article 81: basic legal and economic concepts: the notions of “agreement” and “restriction of competition;” evaluation of horizontal agreements
- Lunch
- 2.00-3.30 Restrictive Agreements and Article 81 cont’d: vertical agreements
- 3.30-5.00 Abuse of Dominance and Article 82: basic legal and economic concepts related to monopoly power; dominance and significant market power

Saturday, December 1

- 9.00-12.00 Abuse of Dominance and Article 82 cont’d: Abusive conduct
- Lunch
- 1.30-4.30 Trial practice: overview of competition cases in civil litigation; Practical exercises: organizing facts and evidence in competition cases; use of economic experts