

WORKSHOP ON VERTICAL RESTRAINTS

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 9-13 MARCH 2009

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The workshop will consist of a series of presentations on key issues concerning competition authorities regarding the application of competition law in vertical restraints cases. We will be focusing our attention on the correct methodology to assess the potential distortion of competition resulting from such practices as selective or exclusive distribution and resale price maintenance. 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 participants. A roundtable discussion will follow each presentation.

AGENDA

Hungarian Judicial Academy

Monday 9 March

Sightseeing in Budapest

Tuesday 10 March

- 09.30-09.45 Welcome, opening remarks and introduction (*Andrea Belényi, GVH; João Pearce Azevedo, OECD*)
- 09.45-12.30 The economics of vertical restraints (*João Pearce Azevedo, OECD*)
- Coffee Break
- The Draft Canadian Abuse Guidelines: Canada the outlier (*Lilla Csorgo, Competition Bureau of Canada*)
- 12.30-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00-16.30 Country case study: Bulgaria – case discussant: Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Coffee break
- Country case study: Belarus – case discussant: Armenia
- 19.00 Reception Dinner in the restaurant

Wednesday, 11 March

- 09:30-12:00 RPM: Economic Theory and OFT Cases (*Matthew Bennett, OFT -UK*)
- Coffee Break
- Country case study: Albania – case discussant: Macedonia
- 12.00-14.00 Lunch
- 14:00-16.30 Country case study: Russian Federation – case discussant: Ukraine
- Coffee break
- Resale Price Maintenance – Two cases: Luxury perfumes and cosmetic toys (*Valerie Meunier, Conseil de la Concurrence - France*)

Thursday, 12 March

- 09.30-12.00 Exclusion good, exclusion bad: A study of two exclusive dealing cases (*Lilla Csorgo, Competition Bureau of Canada*)
- Coffee break
- Country case study: Croatia – case discussant: Romania
- 12.00-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00-16.30 Vertical Foreclosure - Case Study on Long Term Gas Supply Contracts (*Peter Hoeltzenbein, Bundeskartellamt- Germany*)
- Coffee break
- Country case study: Moldova – case discussant: Azerbaijan

Friday, 13 March

- 09.30-12.30 Vertical Restraints in the Practice of the Hungarian Competition Authority (*Judit Dán, GVH- Hungary*)
- Coffee break
- Country case study: Serbia – case discussant: Georgia
- Concluding remarks
- 12.30-14.00 Lunch