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Central European Competition Initiative*

WORKSHOP ON MERGER REMEDIES

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WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

When competition agencies establish serious competition problems in a merger case, this does not mean that the merger project cannot go ahead. In most cases, remedies can be found to eliminate the competition concerns identified by the agency. This seminar will explore a variety of issues related to the design, negotiation and enforcement of merger remedies from various angles. In addition to lectures where experts from several agencies and centres of excellence will share their experience, participants will present and discuss case studies from a number of CECl competition agencies.

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, March 21	
9:30-10:00	Welcoming remarks, <i>Mr. Zoltán Nagy, President of the Hungarian Competition Authority (GVH)</i>
The Design and Implementation of Merger Remedies	
10:00-11:00	Lessons from the study on merger remedies, <i>Mr. Alexander Kopke, European Commission, MTF Enforcement Unit</i>
11:00-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-12:15	Negotiating remedies, <i>Mr. Michael König, OECD Competition Division</i>
12:15-13:00	International cooperation in deciding on merger remedies, <i>Mr. Edward Hennebery, Irish Competition Authority</i>
	Lunch
15:00-15:45	Behavioural remedies – merits and risks, <i>Mr. Michael König, OECD Competition Division</i>
15:45-16:00	Coffee Break

Economic analysis of merger remedies	
16:00-17:15	Economic analysis and the choice of remedy, <i>Mr. Bruce Lyons, Deputy Director, ESRC Centre for Competition Policy</i>
17:30-18:00	Open discussion
Wednesday, March 22	
Merger remedies in Central Europe	
9:30-10:15	The merger remedy guidelines of the GVH, speaker from the GVH
10:15-11:30	Tour de la table: merger remedies in CECI countries (Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia)
11:30-11:45	Coffee break
11:45-13:00	Open discussion
13:00-13:10	Concluding remarks

* The **CECI** (Central European Competition Initiative) is a forum for co-operation established by five Central European competition authorities (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), which has been hosted by the Hungarian Competition Authority (GVH - Gazdasági Versenyhivatal). There are two main considerations behind this initiative. One is that competition authorities in the region face several common challenges. The other is that these authorities have from time to time to deal with markets which are regional, overlapping or are connected to each other, as well as dealing with companies which operate across borders in the region.