

**Seminar on
Competition Rules and the Pharmaceutical Sector**

BUDAPEST, 12 – 14 DECEMBER 2017

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

The objective of the workshop is to discuss the competition policy issues that are specific to the pharmaceutical sector. The workshop will look at some of the main enforcement issues and will look at merger control as well as abuse of dominance and anti-competitive agreements. Experts will explore these topics together with the participants and we will illustrate the topics with hypothetical exercises.

AGENDA

Mercure Budapest Buda hotel, Budapest

Tuesday, 12 December 2017

09.00-09.45	Opening remarks, group photo and introduction
09.45-10.15	Overview of Competition Issues in the Pharma Sector (Mr Ruben Maximiano, OECD, Paris)
10.15-10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30-11.30	Merger control in Pharma in the EU (Mr. Giorgio Motta (Skadden Arps, Brussels))
11.30-12.15	Country Case Study: Romania Case Discussant: Russia
12.15-13.45	<i>Lunch</i>
13.45-14.45	Merger Remedies in Pharma in the EU (Mr. Giorgio Motta (Skadden Arps, Brussels))
14.45-15.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.00-15.45	Country Case Study: Serbia Case Discussant: Kazakhstan
15:45 - 16:45	Abuse of Dominance in the Pharma Sector in the EU Mr. Harald Mische (European Commission)
16.45-17.30	Country Case Study: Albania Case Discussant: Bulgaria
18:30 -	Welcome dinner - meeting at the hotel reception

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

- 09.15-10.15 The Issue of Abuse of Dominance and Excessive Pricing
Lourenço Ventura (Assistant Legal Director, Competition and Markets Authority, UK)
- 10.15-10.30 *Coffee break*
- 10.30-11.15 Country Case Study: Moldova
Case Discussant: Montenegro
- 11.15-12.15 Rebates and Discounts in the Pharma Sector in the UK
Mr. Lourenço Ventura (Assistant Legal Director, Competition and Markets Authority, UK)
- 12.15-13.30 *Lunch*
- 13.30-15.00 Hypothetical Exercise – abuse of dominance
(Mr Ruben Maximiano, OECD, Paris)
- 15.00-15.15 *Coffee break*
- 15.15-16.15 Anti-competitive agreements in the Pharma Sector in the EU
Mr. Harald Mische (European Commission)
- 16.15 – 17.00 Country Case Study: Georgia
Case Discussant: FYROM
- 19.00 – 21.00 Dinner in the hotel's restaurant

Thursday, 14 December 2017

- 09.00-10.00 Cartels, Bid Rigging and Pharma Products
Pedro Caro Sousa (OECD)
- 10.00-10.45 Country Case Study: Armenia
Case Discussant: Kosovo
- 10.45-11.00 *Coffee break*
- 11.00-11.45 Advocacy for Competition – the role for competition Assessment in the Pharma Sector
(Mr Ruben Maximiano, OECD)
- 11.45-12.15 Discussion and Closing Remarks
- 12.15 – 14.00 *Lunch*
- 19.00 – 21.00 Dinner in the hotel's restaurant