

## Virtual seminar

# Tackling bid rigging in public procurement

 Online

 2-4 March 2021

### Seminar objectives

Bid rigging involves groups of firms conspiring to raise prices or lower the quality of the goods or services offered in public tenders. OECD countries spend approximately 12% of their GDP in public procurement. This percentage can be higher in developing countries. Competition authorities may play a key role in preventing and tackling this anti-competitive practice, which costs governments and taxpayers billions of dollars every year. Expert competition officials will illustrate enforcement and advocacy actions conducted in their jurisdictions, also in light of the OECD Guidelines for Fighting Bid Rigging in Public Procurement.

### The speakers

**Ms Kelly Benetatou**, Vice-President of the HCC, Greece

**Mr Haim Arbiv**, Head of Investigation and Intelligence Department, Israel Competition Authority

**Mr Attila Karsay**, Legal Counsellor, GVH, Hungary

**Ms Oana Neg**, Deputy Project Manager, Big Data Project, Competition Council of Romania

**Ms Lefkothea Nteka**, Partner, D.K. Avgitidis & Associates, former Commissioner of the HCC, Greece

**Ms Despina Pachnou**, Competition Expert, OECD

**Ms Victoria von Uexküll**, Senior Adviser, Swedish Competition Authority

**Ms Sabine Zigelski**, Senior Competition Expert, OECD

**Mr Renato Ferrandi**, Senior Competition Expert and Coordinator of OECD-GVH training activities, OECD

# Agenda

**Tuesday – 2 March 2021**

## **CASE STUDIES**

<b>09.30-10.00</b> <b>(Paris time)</b>	<b>Opening remarks</b> Mr László Bak, Vice President of the GVH, Hungary Mr Renato Ferrandi, Coordinator of OECD-GVH training activities, OECD
<b>10.00-10.45</b>	<b>Bid rigging: a key field for competition enforcement</b> Ms Despina Pachnou, OECD Mr Renato Ferrandi, OECD
<b>10.45-12.00</b>	<b>CASE STUDIES</b> <b>Successful examples of bid rigging investigations</b> Ms Kelly Benetatou and Ms Lefkothea Nteka, Greece Mr Haim Arbiv, Israel

**Wednesday, 3 March 2021**

## **TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS**

<b>09.30-09.45</b>	<b>Introduction</b> Mr Renato Ferrandi, Coordinator of OECD-GVH training activities, OECD
<b>9.45-11.30</b>	<b>SIMULATION: INSIDE A BID RIGGING INVESTIGATION</b> <b>The key ingredients of an effective investigation: planning, evidence gathering, assessment and fines</b> Ms Kelly Benetatou and Ms Lefkothea Nteka, Greece Mr Haim Arbiv, Israel Mr Renato Ferrandi, OECD
<b>11.30-12.00</b>	<b>Comments and experience sharing</b> by competition authorities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

**Thursday – 4 March 2021**

## **COOPERATION WITH PUBLIC PROCUREMENT BODIES**

<b>09.30-09.45</b>	<b>Introduction</b> Mr Renato Ferrandi, Coordinator of OECD-GVH training activities, OECD
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<b>09.45-10.30</b>	<b>Fostering bid rigging prevention and detection</b> Ms Despina Pachnou, OECD Mr Renato Ferrandi, OECD
<b>10.30-11.30</b>	<b>Effective cooperation with public procurement bodies and authorities</b> Ms Victoria von Uexküll, Sweden Mr Attila Karsay, Hungary
<b>11.30-12.15</b>	<b>Opportunities for Eastern Europe and Central Asia</b> Ms Oana Neg, Romania Ms Sabine Zigeliski, OECD
<b>12.15-12.30</b>	<b>Final remarks</b> Ms Gabriella Szilágyi, Head of the International Section, GVH Hungary Mr Renato Ferrandi, Coordinator of OECD-GVH training activities, OECD