

Virtual Seminar

Competition Policy Responses to the Crisis

 Online

 1-2 July 2020

Seminar objectives

The Covid-19 pandemic has set in motion a major economic crisis that will burden our societies for years to come. Sound competition policy is important in moments of crisis to prevent anti-competitive practices and pave the way to a quick and sustained economic recovery. This requires competition authorities to be vigilant and proactive. The objective of this seminar is to foster a discussion on how competition policy can help address the immediate challenges raised by the crisis while preparing for the post-pandemic future.

Agenda

Wednesday, 1 July 2020

Session 1: Policy discussion *Key Challenges to Competition Policy*

10.00-12.00
CET

Welcome and Housekeeping

Mr Renato Ferrandi, OECD, Coordinator of OECD-GVH training activities

Opening Remarks

Mr László Bak, Vice President of the GVH (*moderator*)

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Policy Challenges: Competition, global markets and economic resilience

Mr Frédéric Jenny, Chairman of the OECD Competition Committee

Structural challenges: Preserving open and competitive markets

Mr Antonio Capobianco, Acting Head of the Competition Division, OECD

Operational challenges: Reacting effectively to anti-competitive practices

Ms Isolde Lueckenhausen, OECD Competition Division

Session 2: Abuse of dominance

14.30-15.30 How to deal with price gouging and exploitative prices

Mr Pedro Caro de Sousa, OECD Competition Division

Remarks by Ms Dar'ya Cherednichenko, Ukraine, and Ms Shushan Sargsyan, Armenia

15.45-17.15 Parallel break-out sessions in English and in Russian

Moderated by Ms Dar'ya Cherednichenko (in English) and Ms Shushan Sargsyan (in Russian)

Thursday, 2 July 2020

Session 3: Mergers

10.00-11.00 Merger control in the face of uncertainty and State intervention

Mr Renato Ferrandi, OECD Competition Division

Remarks by Ms Nina Vasić, Serbia, and Mr Ion Maxim, Moldova

11.15-12.45 Parallel break-out sessions in English and in Russian

Moderated by Ms Nina Vasić (in English) and Mr Ion Maxim (in Russian)

Session 4: Agreements

14.30-15.30 Distinguishing lawful and unlawful co-operation between competitors

Mr Paulo Burnier, OECD Competition Division

Remarks by Ms Mirta Kapural, Croatia, and Mr Mukhamed Khamukov, Russia

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