

SEMINAR ON
UPDATE ON ISSUES IN THE INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

BUDAPEST, 8 – 10 DECEMBER 2015

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

The objective of the workshop is to discuss the competition policy issues that are specific to the information communication and technology sectors, in particular but not limited to the telecommunications sector. The workshop will look at some of the main enforcement issues in these sectors, in particular the recent consolidation wave in the telecommunications sector in Europe, with the main horizontal effects issues raised in the mobile, fixed networks as well as vertical issues regarding content. Mergers cases in the new technologies sector will also be analysed, such as cases raised in the social media space. Remedies in these types of cases will also be looked at. Abuse of dominance issues in the communications sector will also be examined in detail.

AGENDA

Danubius Health Spa Resort Margitsziget Hotel, Budapest

Tuesday, 8 December 2015

09.00- 09.45	Welcome and Opening Remarks (József Sárai, GVH)
09.45-10.00	Group photo
10.00-10.15	Outlook and Framework for the Seminar (Mr Ruben Maximiano, OECD, France)
10.15-10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30-11.30	EU Merger Control in Telecommunications markets (competition assessment) (Mr Anatoly Subočs, EU Commission, Belgium)
11.30 – 12.15	Country Case Study: Croatia Case Discussant: Ukraine
12.15 -13.30	<i>Lunch</i>

13.30-14.30	Overview of the Telecommunications and Media Sectors and U.S. Horizontal Telecom Mergers (David Lawrence, DOJ, US)
14.30-15.15	Country Case Study: Bulgaria Case Discussant: Bosnia and Hercegovina
15.15-15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.30 – 16.30	Case study: Magyar Telekom / Vidanet (Mr. Andras Vekony, GVH, Hungary)
16.30 – 17.15	Relationships between Competition Authorities and Telecoms Regulators (Ruben Maximiano, OECD)
18:30 -	Welcome dinner - meeting at the hotel reception

Wednesday, 9 December 2015

09.30-10.30	Merger control in Telecommunications markets in Europe: Remedies (Mr Anatoly Subočs, EU Commission, Belgium)
10.30 -10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45-12.15	Hypothetical Exercise (Mr Ruben Maximiano, OECD, France)
12.15 - 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 - 14.30	US Vertical Telecom Mergers (David Lawrence, DOJ, US)
14.30 – 15.15	Country Case Study: Moldova Case Discussant: Montenegro
15.15 – 15.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15.30 – 16.45	Dominance in Telecommunications markets (Mr Ricardo Junqueiro, Counsel, Cuatrecasas)
19.00 – 21.00	Dinner in the hotel's restaurant

Thursday, 10 December 2015

- 09.00-10.15 Abuse of Dominance in Telecommunications markets
(Mr Ricardo Junqueiro, Counsel, Cuatrecasas)
- 10.15 – 11.00 Country Case Study: Russia
Case Discussant: FYR of Macedonia
- 11.00-11.15 *Coffee break*
- 11.15 - 12.00 Country Case Study: Romania
Case Discussant: Armenia
- 12.00 – 12.30 Case Study: Facebook / Whatsapp
(Mr Anatoly Subocs, EU Commission, Belgium)
- 12.30-12.45 Closing Remarks
- 12.45- *Lunch*
- 19.00 – 21.00 Dinner in the hotel's restaurant