

Workshop for Competition Authorities on Methodologies to measure market competition

 23 February 2021  09:00 – 11:45

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AGENDA

A perceived reduction of the intensity of competition has been used by some to criticise competition authorities and to propose radical changes to competition law systems. The ability to reliably measure, track and compare the competitive intensity of a market would be an extremely valuable key metric to competition authorities and other policymakers to inform decision-making. The fact that competition is a complex notion, and therefore not directly observable, has resulted in the development of numerous methods to capture and measure the degree of competition in markets over the years. Such methods, which vary in complexity and reliability, provide indicators often used to measure the intensity of competition. These indicators can provide useful information but present limitations and careful interpretation is generally necessary, in particular when taken in isolation.

The agenda for the workshop will be split into two parts: (i) an overview covering objectives, methodologies and data to measure market competition; and (ii) competition authorities' experience measuring market competition. The workshop will consist of a series of presentations by experts and by several jurisdictions, followed by question and answer sessions that will allow participants to gain a better understanding of the challenges in measuring market competition, and to share their own experiences.

PART I: Overview – objectives, methodologies, and data to measure market competition

09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and opening remarks by the Secretariat
09:10 – 09:20	Presentation by John Davies, Executive Vice President, Compass Lexecon , on why measure market competition including the different purposes and how this influences the way to measure market competition.
09:20 – 09:35	Presentation by Stephen Davies, Professor of Economics, University of East Anglia, UK on types of methodologies to measure market competition and key issues.
09:35 – 09:45	Presentation by Chiara Criscuolo, Head of Division, STI, OECD on OECD databases and measures of competition.
09:45 – 10:00	Discussion on the presentations by the panellists and questions from the floor

PART II: Competition authorities experience in measuring market competition

10:00 – 10:15	Presentation by the UK on the UK economy state of competition
10:15 – 10:25	Discussion of the presentation by the panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Davies • Stephen Davies

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10:25 – 10:35	<p>Presentation by New Zealand on composite indicators of competition over the period 2001-2016 to estimate the impact of competition on productivity, and future application of the methodology.</p> <p>Discussion of the presentation by the panel:</p>
10:35 – 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Davies • Stephen Davies • Chiara Criscuolo <p>Interventions from the floor</p>
10:45– 11:00	<p>Presentation by Romania on the Authority’s Aggregate Index of Competition Pressure</p> <p>Discussion of the presentation by the panell:</p>
11:00 – 11:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Davies • Stephen Davies • Chiara Criscuolo <p>Interventions from the floor</p>
11:10 – 11:25	<p>Presentation by the Netherlands on the application of new measures of competition: the use of the Boone indicator in banking.</p> <p>Discussion of the presentation by the panell:</p>
11:25 – 11:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Davies • Stephen Davies • Chiara Criscuolo <p>Interventions from the floor</p>
CLOSING REMARKS	
11:35 – 11:45	<p>Final comments from the floor</p> <p>Closing remarks by Antonio Capobianco, Acting Head, Competition Division, OECD</p>