

Competition co-operation and enforcement

INVENTORY OF CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS



OTHER REGIONAL CO-OPERATION NETWORKS

This document contains the text of the mechanism for the exchange of information among Competition Authorities of the SEECP (2010) as a part of other regional co-operation networks taken from the 2015 Inventory of Co-operation Agreements prepared by the OECD Competition Committee.

The full inventory, the OECD Recommendation and accompanying documents can be found online at www.oecd.org/competition/inventory-competition-agreements.htm.

There are several other enforcement co-operation networks in the world. Competition authorities from Nordic countries have formed *the Nordic Alliance* and some of the participating countries concluded the Nordic Co-operation Agreement (2001), which allows for the exchange of confidential information between the competition authorities of the participating jurisdictions. The structure of the agreement is similar to other bilateral co-operation agreements concluded at the government level and its provisions were discussed in the previous sections.

In addition to that, the competition authorities of the participating countries of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) concluded the memorandum on “the Mechanism of the Exchange of Information among Competition Authorities of SEECP” on 25 May 2010. It gives each party the right to send a request for information concerning competition law and policy and the requested information will be provided in three months after the request. However, the requested party may refuse the request on the grounds of confidentiality of the requested information.

**Box 1. The mechanism for the exchange of information among Competition Authorities
of the SEECP (2010)**

1. In the course of consideration of actions affecting competition, each Party shall have the right to send a request for information concerning competition law and policy to the other Parties.
2. The requesting Party shall state the purpose of its request and/or the basic circumstances of the case.
3. The requested information shall be provided not later than three months after receipts of the request.
4. Information received as a result of application of this document shall not be disclosed unless the Parties agree otherwise.
5. The Parties may refuse to provide the information within the framework of this document on the grounds of their state's interests concerning the safeguarding of commercial and other secrets according to national law, or on the grounds of confidentiality of the requested information.
6. The transfer of information shall be made in English language by mail/e-mail through designated general contact points or on the occasion of Parties' representative meetings.
7. This document shall not infringe or otherwise affect the rights and obligations of the Parties related to other international agreements which they are signatories to.
8. The Parties commit themselves to intensify and deepen the cooperation in the field of competition.