


Virtual Seminar

Carrying out effective antitrust investigations

 Online (Paris time)

 9-10 December 2021

Seminar objectives

Effective investigation is decisive for competition authorities to adopt solid decisions, suitable to withstand judicial review. This seminar will examine the set of tools available to competition authorities to gather direct and indirect evidence, including requests for information, dawn raids, hearings, leniency systems and efficient procedures. Hands-on experience of advanced competition authorities and international best practices will provide participants with precious insights for taking full advantage of their toolbox.

The speakers

Ms Sara Carvalho de Sousa, Autoridade da Concorrência, Portugal

Ms Taís Issa De Fendi, Autoridade da Concorrência, Portugal

Ms Anita Nyeső, Deputy Head, International Section, GVH Hungary

Ms Despina Pachnou, Competition Expert, OECD

Ms Carla Stern, Trial Attorney, Chicago Office, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division

Mr Mark Grundvig, Assistant Chief, Washington Criminal II Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division

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

Agenda

Thursday, 9 December 2021– morning session

09.30-10.00 (Paris time)	Opening remarks Mr László Bak, Vice President of the GVH, Hungary Mr Renato Ferrandi, Coordinator of OECD-GVH RCC training activities, OECD
10.00-11.00	Cartel investigations step by step Ms Despina Pachnou and Mr Renato Ferrandi, OECD
11.00-12.00	Managing complex cases in practice Ms Anita Nyeső, Hungary, and Ms Sara Carvalho de Sousa, Portugal

Thursday, 9 December 2021 – afternoon session

14.00-14.10 (Paris time)	Introduction and moderation of the panels Mr Renato Ferrandi, OECD
14.10-15.20	Panel 1 - Evidence gathering: how to collect the right evidence Mr Mark Grundvig, US, and Ms Anita Nyeső, Hungary
15.20-16.30	Panel 2 - Evidence review: how to examine the evidence appropriately Ms Sara Carvalho de Sousa, Portugal, and Ms Carla Stern, US

Friday, 10 December 2021 - morning session

09.30-09.45 (Paris time)	Introduction Mr Renato Ferrandi, OECD
9.45-10.45	Procedural fairness in antitrust investigations Ms Despina Pachnou, OECD
10.45-11.30	Focus on dawn raids Ms Taís Issa De Fendi, Portugal
11.30-12.15	Planning and conducting effective investigations: lessons learned Mr Renato Ferrandi, OECD
12.15-12.30	Final remarks Ms Gabriella Szilágyi, Head of the International Section, GVH Hungary Mr Renato Ferrandi, Coordinator of OECD-GVH RCC training activities, OECD