

SESSIONS

COMPETITION LAW CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE (CEE) AGENDA - 15/06/2021

Competition Law Central & Eastern
Europe (CEE)

15 June 2021

Virtual Conference

Delivered Live (CEST Time) & On-Demand Afterwards

Introduction to the Platform & Virtual Networking

08:30 - 09:00

Chair's Welcome and Introduction

09:00 - 09:10

NCA's Roundtable: Current Enforcement Priorities

09:10 - 10:05

Competition Authorities' Perspectives

- Review of ECN+ Directive and its impact on enforcement across the region
- Current enforcement priorities across the region
- Co-operation between the authorities and sharing of practices
- Overview of current fining policies including fines on natural persons and criminal liability
- Procedural developments

Participants

Natalie Harsdorf - Head of Legal Service, The Austrian Federal Competition Authority (Austria)

Dina Lurje - Council Member, Competition Council of the Republic of Lithuania (Lithuania)

Michaela Nosa - Director of Legal, Legislative and International Relations Division, Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic (Slovakia)

Tomasz Bagdziński - Director of the Competition Protection Department, Office of Competition and Consumer Protection (Poland)

Márk Pánczél - Head of the Antitrust Section, Hungarian Competition Authority, GVH (Hungary)

Review of ECN+ Directive & Implementation Across the Region

10:05 - 10:50

Competition Authorities' Perspectives

- Review of ECN+ Directive
- What new powers will NCAs gain and what resources will they have to support them?
- Cooperation between NCAs
- Where are we with implementation across CEE?
- Best practice in implementing ECN+ from other jurisdictions?
- Procedural implications
- Practical considerations for corporates

Participants

Christian Stempel - Head of Unit, G1 - German and European Antitrust Law - ECN Coordination, Bundeskartellamt

Branimira Kovacevic - Head of International and European Cooperation Department, Croatian Competition Authority (Croatia)

Dr Jurgita Malinauskaite - Reader (Associate Professor), Brunel University, London (UK)

Virtual Networking Break in the Networking Lounge

10:50 - 11:10

Competition Authorities' Perspectives

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Private Enforcement in Practice

11:10 - 11:50

Cartels & Private Enforcement

- Damages Directive: Impact on private enforcement in the region
- Review of pending cases
- Substantive issues
- Limitation periods
- Calculation of damages
- Litigation funding: what options are available?
- Practical strategies for claimants and defendants including choice of forum

Participants

Dorothy Hansberry-Biegunska - Hansberry Tomkiel, Hansberry Tomkiel

Vasil Savov - Executive Director, CDC Cartel Damage Claims

Cartels, Bid Rigging & Tendering: Lessons Learnt from Recent Cases

11:50 - 12:30

Cartels & Private Enforcement

- Review of recent cartel cases
- Developments in bid rigging and tendering across the region
- Horizontal agreements: what is and is not permissible
- Leniency applications

Participants

Malgorzata Urbanska - Partner, CMS

Renato Ferrandi - Senior Competition Expert and Coordinator of the OECD-GVH Regional Centre for Competition, OECD

Nóra Váczi - Member of the Competition Council, Hungarian Competition Authority, GVH (Hungary)

Virtual Networking Break in the Networking Lounge

12:30 - 13:30

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Competition Law Challenges in Digital Markets

13:30 - 14:20

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- Review of DSA and DMA proposals
- Who are the gatekeepers?
- The challenges of online platforms for competition law
- How are the authorities approaching algorithmic cartels and what do corporates need to do to remain compliant?
- Abuse of dominance considerations
- Merger control and innovation
- Behavioural remedies
- How are national competition authorities approaching digital challenges in CEE?

Participants

Goran Serdarevic - Associate Director, Frontier Economics

Cosmin Belacurencu - Member of the Board, Romanian Competition Council (Romania)

Perica Miović Petronio - Global Commercial, Antitrust & Regulatory Affairs, Infobip (Croatia)

Katarina Fulir - Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, Telemach Croatia Ltd. (Croatia)

Łukasz Mamiński - Antitrust Compliance Manager, Allegro (Poland)

Review of Merger Control Developments & Practical Challenges

14:20 - 15:05

Merger Control

- Review of recent merger control decisions including prohibition decisions in the region
- Impact of COVID-19 on merger activity and procedures
- Behavioural remedies in merger cases
- Gun jumping and recent fines
- Novel theories of harm in merger cases

Participants

Ianis Girgenson - Group General Counsel, United Group (The Netherlands)

Mateusz Blachucki - Advisor to the President, Department of Merger Control, Office of Competition and Consumer Protection (Poland)

Economists' Perspective on Merger Control

15:05 - 15:30

Merger Control

- Use of economic evidence and experts
- Update on market definition notice

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Abuse of Dominance & Concentration of Market Power

15:50 - 16:30

Practical Challenges for In-House Counsel

- Review of recent abuse of dominance decisions
- Concentration of market power: effect on competition including innovation
- Is the standard dominance concept enough to protect competition?
- Unfair contractual terms

Participants

Piotr Borowiec - Senior Legal Counsel, UNIMOT s.a. (Poland)

Jan Klouda - Vice President Legal, Risk and Corporate Security, Vodafone Czech Republic (Czech Republic)

Practical Challenges in Vertical Restraints

16:30 - 17:10

Practical Challenges for In-House Counsel

- Vertical Block Exemption Regulation: where are we now?
- Retail price maintenance (RPM) developments
- Online distribution: practical challenges
- Recent vertical investigations
- How are the authorities approaching by object and by effect cases
- Dos and Don'ts of vertical restraints

Participants

Lana Sinichkina - Partner, Arzinger (Ukraine)

Radosław Pawluk - Legal Counsel, Michelin (Poland)

Competition Law in the Age of COVID-19: Practical Challenges

17:10 - 17:45

Practical Challenges for In-House Counsel

- Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on competition law enforcement and policy initiatives
- Procedural implications
- Excessive pricing developments
- State aid update
- Horizontal cooperation
- Compliance challenges

Participants

Aida Sandulache - Legal Director, Servier (Romania)

Dominik Wolski - Director of Legal Department, Jeronimo Martins (Poland)

Ramona Ene - Legal & Compliance Counselor for Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria, ADM (Romania)

Chair's Closing Remarks & Close of Conference

17:45 - 17:50

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