

**Seminar on
Remedies and Commitments in Competition Cases**

BUDAPEST, 17 – 19 MARCH 2015

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

A proportionate answer for many competition problems is not a prohibition decision but often a decision imposing remedies or commitments in order to resolve the competition issues and to allow for an otherwise economically efficient behaviour to proceed. Merger remedies as well as commitments in abuse of dominance cases will be discussed in presentations given by OECD member countries' experts and in case studies from the participants. We will also have a closer look at model texts for commitments, at the use of trustees, at monitoring and at ex-post evaluation of commitments and remedies. Participants will engage in hypothetical exercises to practise and apply some basic principles in remedy design and negotiation.

AGENDA

Danubius Health Spa Resort Margitsziget, Budapest

Tuesday, 17 March 2015

09.00-9.15	Welcome and Opening Remarks (József Sárai, GVH)
09.15-09.45	Group photo and introduction
09.45-10.30	Remedies, Commitments, Undertakings, Conditions or Obligations? (Ms Sabine Zigelski, OECD)
10.30-10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45-11.30	Country Case Study: Russia Case Discussant: Kosovo
11.30-12.30	Lessons Learnt – Evaluation of Merger Remedies (Dr. Wolfgang Nothhelfer, CMA, UK)

12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-14.45	Complex Remedy Package in the Building & Construction Industry - The Holcim/VSH Merger Case (Ms Aranka Nagy, GVH, Hungary)
14.45-15.45	ABI/Modelo: Transaction and Proposed Remedy (Ms Michelle R. Seltzer, Department of Justice, USA)
15.45-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.00-17.00	ABI/Modelo: A Good Remedy Proposal? Case Exercise
17.00-17.15	The US Answer (Ms Michelle R. Seltzer, Department of Justice, USA)
18:30 -	Welcome dinner - meeting at the hotel reception

Wednesday, 18 March 2015

09.30-10.30	ABI/Modelo: Resolution (Ms Michelle R. Seltzer, Department of Justice, USA)
10.30-11.15	Country Case Study: Romania Case Discussant: Serbia
11.15-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30-12.30	Divestiture Remedies in EU Merger Cases (Mr Cyril Ritter, European Commission, Brussels)
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-15.15	Hypothetical Case: A Remedy Negotiation (Ms Sabine Zigelski, OECD)
15.15-15.45	Panel Discussion – Negotiation Strategies
15.45-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>

16.00-17.00 Commitments in Hungarian Antitrust Cases
(Mr Péter Virág, GVH, Hungary)

19.00 – 21.00 Dinner in the hotel's restaurant

Thursday, 19 March 2015

09.00-10.15 Antitrust Remedies in EU Competition Law
(Mr Cyril Ritter, European Commission, Brussels)

10.15-10.30 *Coffee break*

10.30-11.30 Use and Role of Trustees to Implement and Enforce Remedies
(Dr. Wolfgang Nothhelfer, CMA, UK)

11.30-12.15 Country Case Study: Croatia
Case Discussant: Bulgaria

12.15-12.45 Discussion and Closing Remarks

12.45 *Lunch*

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