

**Seminar on  
Bid Rigging and Public Procurement**

**SKOPJE, 3 – 5 JUNE 2014**

**SEMINAR OBJECTIVES**

The focus of the seminar will be on a special kind of cartels – bid rigging cartels. Characteristics of bid rigging cartels will be examined, their treatment in different jurisdictions and also ways of detecting bid rigging cartels. We will use OECD materials on bid rigging and on screens for cartel detection. The interplay between the detection of bid rigging cartels and of leniency programmes will be discussed. As public procurement is often the victim of bid rigging we will also focus on ways to alert public procurement officials to illegal cartel activities and on designing tenders and we will compare different approaches to competition advocacy and to co-operation between competition authorities and other government agencies in this area. Participants will share their experience with experts from experienced competition authorities and the OECD in lectures and case studies. Practical exercises on hypothetical cases involving all the participants will complement the presentations and will serve as an opportunity to apply the learnings of the seminar.

**AGENDA**

Hotel Arka, Skopje

**Tuesday, 3 June 2014**

09.00-9.30	Welcome and opening speech by Blagoj Churlinov (President, Commission for Protection of Competition)
9.30-10.00	Group photo and introduction
10.00-11.00	Bid Rigging and Public Procurement - Introduction (Ms Sabine Zigelski, OECD)
11.00-11.15	Coffee break

11.15-12.15	The OECD Checklist to Detect Bid Rigging in Public Procurement (Mr Antonio Capobianco, OECD)
12.15-13.45	Lunch
13.45-14.45	Leniency Regimes, Bid Rigging and Screens (Mr Antonio Capobianco, OECD)
14.45-15.00	Coffee break
15.00-15.45	Case Study: Romanian Bid Rigging Case (Ms Raluca Filip, Competition Council of Romania)
15.45-17.00	Hypothetical Case Exercise: The Chlorine Hypothetical – Detection of a Bid Rigging Scheme (Antonio Capobianco and Sabine Zigelski, OECD)
18:45 -	Welcome dinner - meeting in the hotel reception

### Wednesday, 4 June 2014

09.30-10.15	Case Study: Bid Rigging Case (Ms Valentina Nikolova, Commission for Protection of Competition)
10.15-11.15	Fighting Bid Rigging – The Hungarian Experience (Mr András Pümkösty, GVH, Hungary)
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.00	Case Study Ukraine (Mr Vladyslav Udovichenko, Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine)
12.00-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.30	The OECD Checklist for Designing the Procurement Process to Reduce the Risks of Bid Rigging (Mr Antonio Capobianco, OECD)
14.30-15.00	Case Study Moldova: Participation with Rigged Bids in Auctions Organized by the Sanitary - Veterinary Agency (Ms Lucia Popescu, Competition Council of the Republic of Moldova)
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-16.00	Competition Advocacy in Bid Rigging and Public Procurement (Ms Daniela Eleodor, Competition Council of Romania)

16.00-17.00 Roundtable on Advocacy Efforts  
(All Experts)

19.00 – 22.00 Dinner in the hotel's restaurant

### Thursday, 5 June 2014

09.00-9.45 Case Study – Cartel in Pharmaceuticals  
(Ms Valentina Nikolova, Commission for Protection of Competition)

9.45-10.45 Co-operation with Public Procurement Officials in Court Proceedings  
(Mr Rainer Lindberg, KKV, Finland)

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Hypothetical Case Exercise: The Medical Supplies Case – Cartel and Tender Design  
(Ms Sabine Zigelski, OECD)

12.30-13.00 Discussion and Closing Remarks

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14:00 - Sightseeing, meeting at the hotel reception

19.00 – 22.00 Dinner in the hotel's restaurant