


# Workshop on Recent Developments in Fighting Bid Rigging in Public Procurement

 5 March 2024  11:00-16:15

 [Registration link](#)

 Paris, OECD Conference Centre – Room CC13  
and via Zoom

 Documentation: <https://oe.cd/5j6>

## AGENDA

The workshop will explore enforcement and advocacy against bidding cartels and in particular developments in digital screening to discover bid rigging (panel 1), and outreach on bid rigging awareness, prevention, detection and punishment (panel 2).

The workshop is open to representatives of competition authorities only. It will consist of short presentations in an interactive question-and-answer format, followed by an open discussion to share views and experiences. We invite all participants to actively engage in the discussions.

Moderator: Penelope Giosa, Senior Lecturer at Portsmouth University ([Bio](#)).

**11:00 – 11:10**      **Opening remarks by Ori Schwartz, Head, Competition Division, OECD**

**11:10 – 12:40**      **Panel 1: Digital cartel screens to discover bid rigging**

Competition authorities increasingly consider, develop and use digital screens to find indications of cartel activity, often filtering through public procurement data to detect bidding cartels. The 2022 OECD paper on [Data Screening Tools](#) looked at types of digital screens and how they have been used in competition law enforcement. There are developments in terms of strategy, practice and enforcement that this panel will explore.

### Panellists:

- Susana Campuzano Fernández, Head of Economic Intelligence Unit, Competition Directorate, Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC)
- ChangHyong Lee, Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Division, Korean Fair Trade Commission
- Christoph Brunner, Economist, Swiss Competition Commission (ComCo)
- Marion Stamnes, Senior Legal Adviser, Department of Investigations, Norwegian Competition Authority (Konkurransetilsynet)
- Massimiliano Calaresu, Team Leader Investigations, Data Analysis and Technology Unit, DG COMP, European Commission

### Q&A

**12:40 – 14:30**      **Lunch break**

14:30 – 16:00

**Panel 2: Raising awareness on bid rigging**

This panel will focus on advocacy initiatives. Enforcement against bid rigging is partly dependent on raising awareness on the risks and costs of bid rigging, how to detect such risks and how to report them to the competent competition authorities. It also depends on successful co-operation among competition and contracting authorities, as well as other competent authorities, to exchange information, share investigation leads, co-ordinate enforcement and assist each other. In some jurisdictions, anonymous whistle-blower programmes are increasingly used to report competition law breaches.

**Panellists:**

- Ryan D. Tansey, Chief of the Washington Criminal I Section, Antitrust Division, US Department of Justice
- Richard Brown, Assistant Director, Enforcement Directorate, Competition and Markets Authority, UK
- Alexis Brunelle, Case Handler, French Competition Authority (Autorité de la concurrence)
- Jose Manuel Haro, Head of the Investigative Authority, Federal Economic Competition Commission (COFECE), Mexico
- Lucia Slovak, Case Handler, Cartels Directorate, DG COMP European Commission
- Elisabetta Lanza, Legal Officer, Cartels Directorate, Italian Competition Authority (AGCM)

**Q&A**

16:00 – 16:15

**Closing remarks by Penelope Giosa & Despina Pachnou, OECD**