

**Seminar on  
Information Exchange: Efficiency Enhancing or Cartel in Disguise?**

**BUDAPEST, 18 – 20 MAY 2016**

**SEMINAR OBJECTIVES**

This seminar will highlight different forms of information exchange: formal and informal exchanges, direct and indirect exchanges and the unilateral disclosure of information and signalling. Information exchanges can be observed in horizontal and vertical relationships and in different organisational settings. We will investigate which forms of information exchange warrant closer scrutiny by competition authorities. Experts from OECD member countries will present cases and engage in hypothetical exercises with the participants. The recent EU case law will be presented and discussed.

**AGENDA**

Danubius Health Spa Resort Margitsziget, Budapest

**Wednesday, 18 May 2016**

09.00-9.15	Welcome and Opening Remarks (József Sárai, GVH)
09.15-09.45	Group photo and introduction
09.45-10.45	Information Exchange - Introduction (Ms Sabine Zigelski, OECD)
10.45-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00-11.30	Country Case Study: Romania Case Discussant: Kazakhstan
11.30-12.30	The EU Case Law on Information Exchange (Mr Vivien Terrien, Court of Justice of the EU, Luxemburg)

12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-15.00	Hypothetical Case Exercise
15.00-15.45	Contact Lens Case (Ms Anna Miks and Mr Boris Martinovic, GVH, Hungary)
15.45-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.00-17.00	Banking Case Israel (Mr Yonatan Cwikel, IAA, Israel)
17.00-17.30	Country Case Study: Moldova Case Discussant: Belarus
18:30 -	Welcome dinner - meeting at the hotel reception

### Thursday, 19 May 2016

09.00-10.00	Private Ophthalmology - Investigation into Anti-competitive Information Exchange and Pricing Agreements (Mr Stijn Huijts, CMA, UK)
10.00-10.45	Country Case Study: Ukraine Case Discussant: Serbia
10.45-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00-12.00	Pre-transaction Communication Between Competitors in Merger Cases (Mr Yonatan Cwikel, IAA, Israel)
12.00-13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30-14.00	Presentation: APEC (Ms Gloria Pasadilla, APEC Secretariat, Singapore)
14.30-15.30	Hypothetical Case Exercise
15.30-15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>

- 15.45-16.30 Introduction to Indirect Information Exchange  
(Mr Vivien Terrien, Court of Justice of the EU, Luxembourg)
- 19.00 – 21.00 Dinner in the hotel's restaurant

### Friday, 20 May 2016

- 09.00-10.00 Information Exchange: ABC Infringements  
(Mr Stijn Huijts, CMA, UK)
- 10.00-10.30 Unilateral Disclosure of Information – Introduction  
(Ms Sabine Zigelski, OECD)
- 10.30-10.45 *Coffee break*
- 10.45-11.30 Hypothetical Exercise
- 11.30-12.15 EU Case Law on Unilateral Disclosure  
(Mr Vivien Terrien, Court of Justice of the EU, Luxembourg)
- 12.15-12.45 Country Case Study: Russia  
Case Discussant: Albania
- 12.45-13.15 Discussion and Closing Remarks
- 13.15 *Lunch*