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COMPETITION LAB FOR JUDGES

CARTELS

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Seminar objectives

The Hungarian Competition Authority (GVH) will hold a competition law seminar for judges in the framework of the OECD-GVH Regional Centre for Competition (RCC) on **12-13 December 2024** in **Budapest** as part of the Single Market Programme of the European Commission. Please note that the **seminar will receive funding from the European Union**.

The event entitled “**Cartels**” elaborates on key substantive and procedural developments in cartel enforcement. Cartels are regarded as the most detrimental violations of competition law and remain at the core of competition law enforcement both at the EU and national level. The seminar will therefore provide judges with an overview of how to assess collusive behaviour, in particular the requirements of the prohibition under *Article 101 TFEU*. The seminar will also focus on the sources of information and guidance to which judges could turn when faced with novel issues and special attention will be given to the assessment of evidence of collusive behaviour.

The topics will be addressed and discussed by competition law experts from OECD member countries. Practical exercises on hypothetical cases involving all participating judges will provide an excellent opportunity to apply the lessons of the seminar in practice. In addition, participants will be engaged in Q&A sessions with the experts and will be encouraged to share their experience with one another to further promote cooperation.

We encourage national judges who wish to deepen their knowledge of competition law, and cartels in particular, to attend our upcoming seminar in Budapest. Please note that registration is open to national judges, prosecutors and apprentice national judges dealing with competition law issues in one of the Member States of the European Union, Kosovo, Montenegro and North Macedonia.

Each applicant is kindly requested to indicate his/her prior experience in general European competition law and a good command of English is a prerequisite for registration.

Participation in the seminar is free of charge; the costs will be covered by EU and GVH funds.

One place will be reserved for one applicant from each of the eligible countries. In case of multiple applications from the same country, candidates will be selected on the basis of a number of criteria, including the applicants' institution, position, years of relevant experience and previous pertinent training.

Participants shall make their own travel arrangements and their travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed by the organizers upon receipt of the invoice and other necessary documents after the seminar. Please note that the costs of local transportation (taxi, airport transfer, public transport) and travel insurance will not be covered. The organizers will take care of the reservations and cover the costs of accommodation for three nights between 11 and 14 December 2024. In addition, participants will be invited to a welcome dinner on 12 December 2024 and will receive lunch on both days of the seminar.

Please be informed that actual participation in the entire training is a necessary precondition for reimbursement, which implies that if the participant cannot attend the seminar for any particular reason, the organisers will not be able to reimburse any of the costs incurred. It is also important to underline that the participant will be liable for refunding any costs incurred due to the modification or cancellation of an application that has already been accepted by the event organisers.

Please note that the deadline for submitting your registration is **27 September 2024**. Applicants will be notified by 30 September 2024 if their registration has been accepted.

Should you require any further information or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Ms. Miranda Molnár** (e-mail address: molnar.miranda@gvh.hu, phone: +36 30 693 8718).

Please forward this announcement to your colleagues who may be interested in participating.
