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## **Seminar on European Competition Law for National Judges**

### **Recent trends in case law and policy, and their impact on cases before national courts**

**19-21 November 2015, Budapest, Hungary**

The Hungarian Competition Authority (GVH) and the OECD-GVH Regional Centre for Competition in Budapest (Hungary) (RCC) will hold a competition law seminar for judges on **'Recent trends in case law and policy, and their impact on cases before national courts'** between 19-21 November 2015. The seminar will be co-financed by the European Union.

The seminar will provide national judges with some experience in competition law and competition cases with an opportunity to catch up on recent cases involving EU competition law and will discuss how these cases can impact cases litigated before national courts. In the last few years there have been several important competition law judgments by the European Courts in both Articles 101 and 102 cases, including cases on the analytical framework in Article 101 cases, information exchanges, abuse of dominance, and standard setting in an IP context. There have also been important developments in the area of the private enforcement of competition law, which will have a tremendous impact on how such cases will be litigated before courts.

For this seminar, we will select important cases and developments and place them into the context of European competition law and policy so that participants can appreciate their relevance and impact on cases before them. As always, the seminar will focus on competition law and competition economics and offer an opportunity to discuss how the two disciplines interact and influence cases before national courts, and how economic evidence can be used in national courts. There will be ample opportunity for discussion in breakout groups, which will offer participants an opportunity to consider in the context of actual and hypothetical cases how recent cases and developments can affect case outcomes. The seminar will be limited to approximately 31 participants and therefore extra emphasis will be placed on active participation and interaction among participants. Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences from actual cases they have been involved in with other judges.

We encourage judges who have experience in competition law to participate. The event is open to judges and prosecutors dealing with competition cases on a national level in EU member countries, the FYR of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro.

A good command of English is a condition of registration.

Participation will be completely free of charge. The costs will be covered by EU and GVH funds.

Participants will be accommodated in the Danubius Health Spa Resort Margitsziget, which will also serve as the seminar's venue. The event organisers will take care of the reservations and cover the costs of the accommodation for 3 nights on 18, 19, and 20 November 2015. If travel schedules do not permit you to leave in the late afternoon of 21 November, the RCC will cover the costs of the accommodation for the night of 21 November as well.

Participants will be invited to a welcome dinner on 19 November and will receive lunch on 19, 20 and 21 November.

Participants shall arrange their own travel and their travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed by the event organisers after the seminar. The cost of local transportation (taxi, airport shuttle, public transport) and the cost of travel insurance will not be reimbursed.

Please note that a condition of reimbursement is actual participation in the entire seminar. If someone cannot participate for any reason whatsoever we cannot reimburse their costs.

The national judicial training centres of the following countries have offered to directly participate in the selection of applicants: Croatia, Estonia, FYR of Macedonia, Lithuania, Romania and Slovenia. Please contact your national training centre for more information if you would like to register from any of these countries. If your country is not listed above please send your registration form directly to the RCC.

One place will be reserved for one applicant from each country, but if free spaces remain these will be filled up irrespective of nationality. Applications will be judged on the basis of the individual applicant's work experience and judicial tasks, as well as on the group's composition as we would like to have a heterogeneous group in order to promote the exchange of ideas and experiences among participants.

The registration deadline is **12 October 2015**. Applicants will be informed by 19 October 2015 if their registration has been accepted.

Should you have any questions about the event, please contact Ms Andrea DALMAY (dalmai.andrea@gvh.hu, phone: +36-1-472-8880).

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