

Remark

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Enforcement against Cross-border Cartels
(after the presentation by A.G. Tsyganov)***

The Eurasian Economic Commission actively participates in the UNCTAD Working Group on Cross-Border Cartels, where all participants share their experiences and practices in detecting and prosecuting cross-border cartels.

At the last meeting of the Working Group on 1st of June the Eurasian Commission presented its experience on cooperation with national competition authorities of the Eurasian Economic Union states in a cartel case on the cochlear implant systems market. Such cooperation took place at all stages of the case: from the receipt of the application to the collection of evidence and decision making.

When analysing the challenges that countries face in cross-border cartel investigations and the ways to overcome them, the need for international dialogue on the issue becomes clear.

If, as in the case of our regional integration association, **cooperation mechanisms exist and there are trust-based relations between countries**, the probability of receiving assistance and support in the investigation of a cross-border case is high. As we have seen it from the cases discussed at the Working Group, this is primarily the case for neighboring countries. In other situations, it is difficult for countries to rely on external assistance.

UNCTAD's Working Group on Cross-Border Cartels should help to elaborate mechanisms for dialogue and information exchange that can be used by competition authorities across the globe, including young and small agencies.

We consider this working group to be important and will continue to participate in its work.

Of course we support the FAS Russia's initiative on the development of a document that would set out mechanisms and tools for cooperation between countries in cross-border cartel investigations.

Thank you for your attention.