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This Morning's Topic

- How Can Competition Authorities Help Governments Better Deal with Recent Changes in the Economy?
 - Economic crisis
 - Sustainable development
 - Digitisation

Increased Public Expenditures for Recovery and Economic Development

Competition Policy: Public
Contracts, Grants,
Subsidies

The Funding Downpour: The UNCTAD Secretariat Background Note

- “. . . Governments have taken an active role not only in reducing the short-term economic damage from the pandemic, but also in promoting a strong, sustainable and inclusive long-term recovery. This trend can also be seen in the expansion of subsidies and State Aid by Governments”

Public Procurement

- Global Scourge: Collusion/Corruption
- Worthy of Priority Treatment
- Even Small Improvements Matter:
 - Transportation infrastructure
 - Education
 - Health care

Competition Policy for Procurement

- Prosecute Cartels/Corruption
- Reduce Artificial Barriers to Entry
 - Major economic and social dividends
- Cooperation
 - Competition, procurement, anti-corruption

Spend Subsidies Wisely

Competition Agency as
Advisor and Advocate

Competition Policy for Subsidies

- Spend to Increase Competition
- Promote Business Entry
 - Government as venture capitalist
 - Grants, competitions, prizes: e.g., green strategies and technologies
- Cooperation: Competition Agencies, Legislators, Ministries

Digitisation

Informing and Guiding Policy
Adjustments

Competition Agency Strengths

- Microeconomic Policy Capability
 - Data collection
 - Technical analysis
- Industry Knowledge
- Broad Economic Perspective
- Trusted Advisor to Public Bodies

Law Enforcement-Plus: Means

- Research Agenda
 - Existing foundations/new contributions
- Technical Teams: Compare UK CMA
- Public Consultations
- Accelerate Learning
 - Academic hubs
 - Other agencies: Common projects