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Presentation

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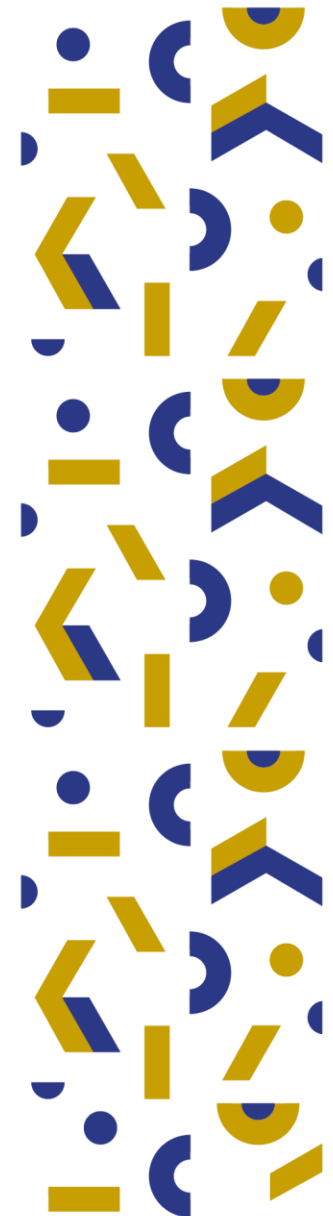
*Memorandum of Regional
Cooperation in the Field of
Competition Policy,
signed on 18 April 2023*





Warsaw, 18 April 2023

From the left:
Olivier Guersent (EC), Teresa Moreira (UNCTAD), Petr Mlsna (CZ), Kristel Rõõmusaa (EE),
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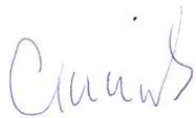


**MEMORANDUM O
WSPÓŁPRACY REGIONALNEJ
W DZIEDZINIE POLITYKI
KONKURENCJI**

**MEMORANDUM
OF REGIONAL COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF
COMPETITION POLICY**

Krajowe organy ochrony konkurencji z Unii Europejskiej, w skład których wchodzi: Urząd Ochrony Konkurencji i

The National Competition Authorities from the European Union, consisting of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection of the Republic of Poland, the Office for the Protection of Competition of the Czech Republic, the Competition Authority of the Republic of Estonia, the Hungarian Competition Authority, the Competition Council of the Republic of Latvia, the Competition Council of the Republic of Lithuania, the Competition Council of Romania, the Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic and the European Union candidates, consisting of the Competition Council of the Republic of Moldova, the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine hereinafter referred to as "the Participants",



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➤ Conception of the initiative

- **Urge for strengthened support** to EU neighbours and the newest EU-candidates in 2022
- **Successful multilateral capacity building** workshops organised by UOKiK for Ukrainian, Moldovan and Georgian NCAs in Autumn 2022 with help of other NCAs (US, ES, HU, FR, LT, CZ, PT) as well as other organisations (EC, OECD, UNCTAD)
- **Evolution** of multilateral capacity building initiatives into a multilateral regional cooperation initiative with both EU (PL, CZ, SK, HU, RO, LT, LV, EE) and non-EU (UA, MD) NCAs
- Justification of the cooperation by **shared regional competition needs** and market characteristics





Underlying principles and mechanisms of the Memorandum

- **Fostering exchange, creating trust, enabling cooperation and creating a consultation platform at head-of-authority and expert level:**
 - Yearly Roundtable meetings of the Presidents
 - Regular expert Working Groups





Underlying principles and mechanisms of the Memorandum

- **Practical orientation:**
 - interactive and discussion-fostering roundtable format of the meetings
 - ad hoc meetings, requests for information and initiatives - upon demand
 - Yearly thematic scope agreed on based on the needs of participating NCAs, captured in the Annual Work Plan
 - Rotating yearly Presidency (PL in 2023, RO in 2024...)
 - Avoidance of additional burden to participants - **cooperation justified by real needs:** participation upon need and demand, use of external funds if possible, organisation of meetings back-to-back with others





Underlying principles and mechanisms of the Memorandum

- **Inclusiveness despite regional character:**
 - cooperation with other NCAs, organisations such as the EC, ICN, UNCTAD, OECD
 - Involvement of other partners into activities (e.g. invitation and streaming of workshops for other cooperation partners, such as Armenia, Georgia...)





Underlying principles and mechanisms of the Memorandum

- **Non-interference with ECN** (European Competition Network)
 - For ECN members, ECN procedures take precedence as legally binding, cooperation under the Memorandum is only complementary and voluntary - to the extent that the Memorandum creates a platform for more region-specific exchange
 - Cooperation between ECN and non-ECN Participants is voluntary, carried out to the extent possible due to confidentiality and legal provisions





Main activities under the Memorandum

Ad hoc/
upon
demand

Voluntary
exchange of
information on
investigations

Exchanging
experiences and
best practices

Supporting to
joint initiatives

Creating a
platform for
consultations

Supporting
training programs

Workshops and roundtables
included in the Annual Work
Plan



ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR THE POLISH PRESIDENCY IN 2023

PRESIDING PARTICIPANT	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	PRIORITIES	TIMEFRAME	PARTICIPANTS
POLAND	Annual Roundtable of the Presidents Warsaw, Poland	Roundtable: Agency effectiveness; Human resources development and management	18 - 19 April 2023	ALL MOU PARTIES + DG COMP, OECD, UNCTAD
	Working groups Chişinău, Moldova	Training: State aid, Legislation & Communication	22 - 26 May 2023	CZ, HU, LV, LT, MD, UA, EE, RO, PL + GE, AM
	Working groups Chişinău, Moldova	Roundtable: Competition protection - cartels and bid-rigging detection, as well as contractual advantage	19 - 23 June 2023	CZ, HU, LV, LT, MD, UA, EE, SK, RO, PL + AM, BG, UNCTAD
	Working groups Warsaw, Poland	Roundtable: Market studies, monitoring & digital markets	28 - 20 November 2023	[...]
	Job shadowing Poznań/Bydgoszcz, Poland	Cartels & bid rigging detection, abuse of dominance, vertical agreements, contractual advantage	4 - 15 September 2023	UA, MD, PL
	Ad-hoc online meetings	Contractual advantage/UTP	2023	[...]



Working group on cartels, bid-rigging and contractual advantage (June 2023, Moldova)

At the Presidential Table (from the left):

Yuliia Moshenska and Mykyta Trymbach (Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine)

Juhan Põldroos (Estonian Competition Authority)

Adam Krukowski (UOKiK)

Alexei Gherțescu (Competition Council of the Republic of Moldova)

As the audience there were the representatives of Moldovan Competition Council and UOKiK



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Thank you

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