



Sofia Competition Forum

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Sheraton Hotel, Sredetz Ballroom

6 November 2013

19:30 – 22:00 **Welcome cocktail in the Sheraton Lobby Grand Ballrooms**

7 November 2013

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration of participants**

9:00 – 9:10 **Welcome and opening remarks**

9:10 – 10:10 **plenary session I: Publicity and transparency in applying competition rules**

Moderator: Mr. Hassan Qaqaya, UNCTAD

- 1. Relationship between the competition authority and the media – application of the principles of publicity, transparency and predictability. The NCAs' perspective.**

Speaker: Mr. Jimmy Dominius, Swedish Competition Authority

- 2. Relationship between the competition authority and the media – application of the principles of publicity, transparency and predictability. The EC's perspective.**

Speaker: Alexander Winterstein, DG Competition

- 3. Evidential value of media information in proceedings before competition authorities and review courts**

Speaker: Mr. Milan Kristof, Court of Justice of the European Union

Discussion

10:10 – 10:30 **Coffee break and networking**

10:30 – 11:30 **Breakout sessions**

Breakout session 1:	Breakout session 2:
Relationship between the principles of publicity and transparency, and procedural fairness in competition proceedings	The role of media information in detecting and proving competition infringements
Facilitator: Mr. Gianluca Sepe, Italian Competition Authority	Facilitator: Mr. Theodor Thanner, Austrian Competition Authority
Presentation: Serbian Competition Authority	Presentation: Serbian Competition Authority

11:30 – 12:00 **Reports of breakout sessions 1 and 2 and general discussion**

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch break**

13:30 – 14:30 **Plenary Session II: Bid rigging**

Moderator: Mr. Darin Stankov, Bulgarian Competition Authority

1. Forms of bid rigging and bid rigging factors – the practitioner’s point of view

Speaker: Mr. David Anderson, Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP

2. Fighting bid rigging – developing an investigative strategy.

Speaker: Mr. Michael Albers, Former Hearing Officer, DG Competition

3. Monitoring of public procurement procedures as a tool for detecting bid rigging

Speaker:Ms. Lilyana Radeva, Commission on Market Competition (Bulgarian Association of Information Technologies)

4. Bid rigging and corruption

Speaker: Mr. Hassan Qaqaya, UNCTAD

Discussion

14:30 – 14:50 Coffee break and networking

14:50 – 16:10 Breakout sessions – participants are divided into three groups for a hypothetical case study

Bulgaria	Croatia	Serbia
Albania	Kosovo	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Montenegro	Macedonia	UNCTAD
Others	Others	Others

16:10 – 16:40 Reports of the breakout sessions and general discussion

16:40 – 16:50 Announcement of the SCF Special Project

16:50 – 17:00 Signing of trilateral cooperation agreements with the Confederation of Employers and Industrialists in Bulgaria and the National Institute of Justice