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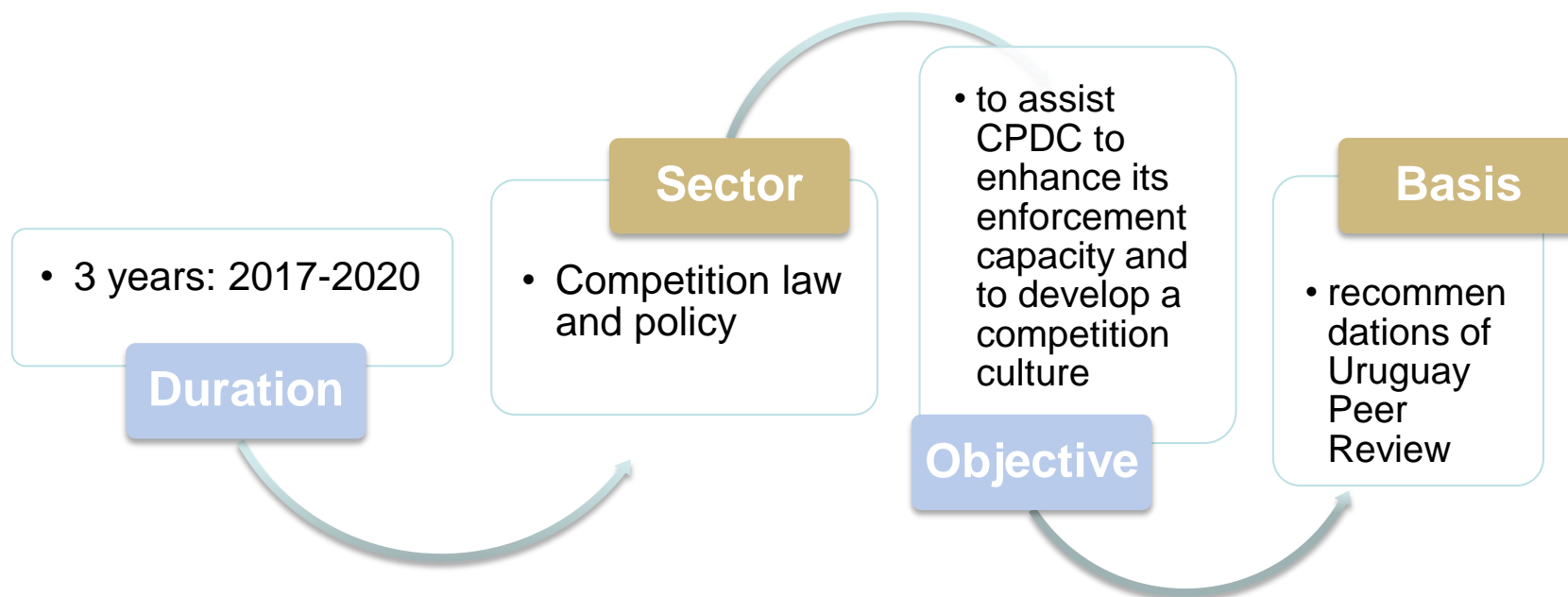
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Capacity building project



Capacity building project

GOAL

To create a better-functioning economic environment conducive to enterprise development, increased investment, improved consumer welfare.



Objectives

To improve the competition legislation of Uruguay

by reviewing the current law and reinforcing it with additional regulations and guidelines;

To strengthen the CPDC's enforcement capacities

in case handling, investigation and legal procedures, and merger control, with a view to improving the quality of its decisions;

To raise awareness on the benefits of competition law and policy

amongst all the stakeholders, including government institutions, the judiciary, the business community and consumers, thereby promoting voluntary compliance with the competition law and raising the profile of CCP;

To endow CDPC with the necessary tools and mechanisms

to enhance its coordination and cooperation with sector regulators or other agencies whose decisions and policies may have implications for competition in the markets, with a view to increasing efficiency and competition in infrastructure industries.

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Outcome

- **Enhanced effectiveness and efficiency in competition law enforcement by the CDPC and improved business environment conducive to inclusive development in Uruguay.**

Project Strategy

- **To use some of the practices, which have worked well, such as working groups**
- **To carry out the Project activities in an inclusive manner by involving all the stakeholders**
- **To assist building local capacity to improve the competition regime in Uruguay in the long run**

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Outcome Indicators

- **Number of competition cases handled successfully by the CPDC per year**
- **Increased level of awareness of competition law amongst stakeholders, possibly measured by surveys**
- **Increased role of competition policy in traditionally state controlled or regulated sectors and in economic policy making, measured by the review of new laws and policies with respect to consideration of competition issues**



Activities

Legal Framework

- Review of the current competition law and review implementation guidelines and regulations.

Capacity-building

- Training on competition law and policy for CPDC staff.
- Training on investigative procedures, case handling and merger review for case handlers.
- Training for the judiciary on competition law enforcement.
- Developing competition law and economics courses in the major universities in Uruguay.
- Preparing studies in markets where there are competition concerns.

Activities (continued)

Competition Advocacy

- Establishing mechanisms to promote mutual understanding and to improve cooperation between CPDC on the one hand, and other Government institutions, such the sector regulators, the business community, judiciary and academia, on the other hand.
- Conducting advocacy seminars on the role of competition law and its benefits for the economy and consumers for government officials, consumer associations, the business community, academics, lawyers and the judiciary.
- Developing market studies

Institutional Arrangements



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Executing Agency

- UNCTAD shall retain overall responsibility for the execution of the project in consultation with CDPC. All services shall be provided in accordance with United Nations procedures, rules and regulations.



Comisión de Promoción y
Defensa de la Competencia

National Project Coordinator

- CDPC will provide policy guidelines and extend logistical support and assistance to UNCTAD during the implementation of the project.



Project Management Committee

- The Committee will prepare and adopt a yearly work plan including specific activities. It will carry out a mid-term review every six months and hold an annual meeting with the participation of the donors to monitor the implementation and the progress achieved as well as to revise the priorities, if needs be.

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