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## Report of the informal working group on cross-border cartels

Wednesday 9, July 2025  
16:30-17:00, Room XIX



# ➤ Background and discussions in the WG

- The 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the IGE on Competition Law and Policy (July 2024)
  - ✓ Renewed the mandate of the Informal working group on cross border cartels including bid rigging
- 30 Nov 2024: Kick -off meeting
- 20 Feb 2025: 1<sup>st</sup> Substantive meeting
  - ✓ Presentations by Prof. Martyniszyn, Prof. Jenny and Mr. Favoretto
- 10 Apr 2025: 2<sup>nd</sup> Substantive meeting
  - ✓ Presentations by Republic of Korea, Colombia and Kenya

\* In this season, Prof. Marek Martyniszyn of Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, served as the Academic Coordinator of the WG to enrich the discussion further

# ➤ Lessons learnt

- The WG shared the challenges in regulating cross-border cartels and emphasized the importance of cooperation among authorities
- The harmonization of legal standards among countries, coordinated enforcement strategies, and the role of regional bodies were also highlighted
- The WG discussed how advancements in digital technologies are influencing both cartel behavior and the ways in which such conduct is regulated

# Thank you

