

A joint competition law seminar was held in the capital of Moldova by the OECD-GVH Regional Center for Competition and the Moldovan Competition Council

Budapest, 18 April, 2024 – During the three-day seminar organized by the OECD-GVH Regional Centre for Competition in Budapest (RCC), the OECD Global Relations and Development Division and the Moldovan Competition Council in Chisinau. The participants - among many others – gained insight in new upcoming issues related to competition policy concerning regulated markets and the economic aspects of competition policy.

The [RCC](#) jointly operated by the Hungarian Competition Authority (GVH) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) between 15th and 17th of April 2024 held a three day seminar together with the Moldovan Competition Council and the OECD Global Relations and Development Division.

The seminar organized in Chisinau once again helped to prepare competition authority professionals from East, Southeast and Central Asian countries. Professionals from a total of 13 countries – mostly from the Moldovan Competition Authority – took part in the seminar. Many topics were covered during the three-day event. The main topic delved into was competition policy issues and market processes in the light of the telecommunications sector, the energy carrier markets, and the energy markets. In addition, the participants were able to learn about some economic aspects of competition policy.

Attila Sipos, Secretary General of the GVH, noted in his welcome speech: *“The education center operated jointly by the GVH, and the OECD plays a leading role in the development of the young market economies in the Eastern European and Eurasian region. We see it as our mission to support the knowledge acquisition that encourages the development of competition culture and the spread of law-abiding behaviour. Our goal is to form a bridge between EU member states and countries in various stages of accession through competition law practices and professional experiences.”*

The Regional Center for Competition in Budapest (RCC) operated by GVH, and the OECD was established on February 16, 2005, with the primary aim of providing support in the field of competition law and competition policy for East, Southeast and Central European state authorities. There are a total of three training centers in the world, one in Budapest, one in Peru, and one in the Republic of Korea.

The topics of the professional seminars organized by the RCC cover a wide-range of competition-related issues, through which the participants can gain more knowledge on the topic of competition policy and economic practices and the jurisprudence of the European Commission. The RCC habitually organizes seminars in the countries receiving the training. [Last fall, for example, it held a similar training in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan.](#)

The next training of this year’s regional education program of the GVH and the OECD will take place between the 14th and 16th of May 2024 in Budapest under the title: “Detecting public procurement cartels.”

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