

International seminar VERTICAL RESTRAINTS

13 October 2015

UOKiK's Conference Centre
pl. Powstańców Warszawy 1, Warsaw

Programme

11.30-12.30 Registration and refreshments

12.30-12.45 Official welcome

Adam Jasser, President of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection

12.45-13.15 Opening remarks

Recent trends in detecting vertical restraints

Prof. William Kovacic, Global Competition Professor of Law and Policy at the George Washington University Law School, former Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission and Non-Executive Director of the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA)

Vertical restraints from the perspective of the European Commission - recent developments, best practices

Guillaume Lorient, Director, DG Competition for Information, Communication and Media (C3), European Commission

13.15-15.15 PANEL I

When should national competition authorities take enforcement actions against vertical restraints?

- criteria used for assessing vertical agreements in selected Member States
- self-assessment as a useful tool for undertakings to test their vertical agreements
- applying leniency programme to vertical agreements
- resale price maintenance (RPM) - principles of antitrust assessment

Chair: Prof. Anna Fornalczyk, former President of the Polish competition authority, COMPER Fornalczyk and Partners

Speakers:

- **Chris Fonteijn**, Chairman of the Board, Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets
- **Sarunas Keserauskas**, Chairman, Lithuanian Competition Council
- **Prof. Dr. Carsten Becker**, Head of Unit, Bundeskartellamt
- **Luc Peepkerorn**, Principal Advisor Antitrust Policy at Directorate-General for Competition, European Commission
- **Craig Conrath**, Trial Attorney, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Q&A session

15.15-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-16.45 PANEL II

Vertical agreements in the e-commerce sector

- vertical restraints in online sales in light of European Commission's Guidelines
- online hotel booking platforms and most-favoured nation clauses
- the European Commission's and NCAs' approach - soft measures, commitments, antitrust proceedings
- European Commission's sector inquiry into e-commerce - potential infringements of competition law by "online platforms" including recent examples such as Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple
- NCAs' experiences with regard to vertical restraints in online distribution

Chair: Nikodem Szadkowski, Deputy Director, Department of Market Analyses, UOKiK

Speakers:

- **Thomas Kramler**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Competition C3, European Commission
- **José Rivas**, Partner at Bird&Bird, Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, Natolin Campus
- **Prof. Ioannis Lianos**, Director of Centre for Law, Economics and Society, University College London

Q&A session

16.45-17.00 Closing remarks

Prof. William Kovacic, Non-Executive Director of the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA)

