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Seminar overview:

The meeting is aimed at discussing the opportunities and the challenges arising from the application of the leniency programme, which is still at its early stage of development due to a variety of issues and problems that continue to emerge. The seminar's objective is to seek comments, remarks and exchange of best practices from practitioners' perspective both at European and American level. Common discussion will allow to analyse the best means of adopting the programme, as well as to look at the opportunities and challenges arising thereof. One of the ideas we would like to pursue is establishing criminal penalties for hard core collusions. Common discussion will allow to analyse whether such liability deters the formation of unlawful agreements and encourages participants in existing cartels to submit notifications under leniency programs, also if this is the direction the national legislations should follow.

AGENDA

Panel I (Open)

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| 09.15 – 09.30 | Opening and welcome of guests and participants
<u>Ms Małgorzata Krasnodebska-Tomkiel</u> , Office of Competition and Consumer Protection |
| 09.30 – 11.00 | American experiences: legal aspects, applications, confidentiality, criminal penalties in antitrust law
<u>Ms Ann O'Brien</u> , Antitrust Division, US Department of Justice
<u>Ms Agnieszka Cenzartowicz</u> , Chicago- Kent College of Law |
| 11.00 – 11.45 | European model of Leniency: cases, recent changes, the interplay of leniency and cartel settlements
<u>Mr. Damian Kamiński</u> , Directorate General for Competition, European Commission |
| 11.45 – 12.05 | The end of panel I |