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Seminars for the employees of the Competition Council in the framework of the Technical Assistance Project „Support to the Competition Council”

The Technical Assistance Project „Support to the Competition Council”, financed by the European Union, started the seminars for the Competition Council, under the component of staff development of the beneficiary institution, starting on 18 February 2016 till November 2017.

On 18 and 25 February 2016, the first two seminars of the program planned for the next two years for the employees of the Competition Council have been carried on in the framework of the EU Project „Support to the Competition Council”, which recently started and which foresees a number of activities for the institutional capacity building of the beneficiary institution.

The seminars will be organized on a weekly basis and will approach theoretical and practical topics from the competition law and policy area.

The first seminars have been delivered by the team leader of the project, Dr. Heinrich HÖLZLER, on the following topics: „Concepts of economic concentrations under competition law and policy” and „Economic aspects of horizontal concentrations”.

During the seminars the main focus was on the practical side of the subject, the presentation being accompanied by a number of examples and concrete cases from the European Union practice.

For the months of March- beginning of April, another six seminars are planned, on the following subjects:

1. The assessment of concentrations (mergers and acquisitions) in the food sector (mainly supermarket mergers);
2. The economics of unilateral and coordinated effects of horizontal mergers and acquisitions;
3. The basic changes in view to vertical restraints of competition since 2000;
4. Horizontal restrictions of competition and justification for exemptions;
5. The economics of non-horizontal mergers;
6. The assessment of dominance and characteristics of abuse of dominance.

We remind that The European Union Project “Support to the Competition Council” is planned for two years and aims to support the Republic of Moldova in achieving objectives set in the chapter of competition law and policy under the DCFTA (Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area).

The expected results of the Project are: improvement of the understanding of the Competition Council staff on a wide range of competition issues, which will result in better prosecution of offences; increasing the competence of all staff, officials and the wider group of participants in the area of competition. The Project foresees a number of activities related to the development of institutional capacities of the Competition Council, application of competition law and related regulations, improvement of the competition culture and public awareness.

Background information: The seminars were attended by the representatives of the Competition Council Plenum and specialized directions of the beneficiary institution.

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