

TACKLING BID RIGGING IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Agenda

 **Budapest**

 **14-16 May 2024**

Bid rigging involves groups of firms conspiring to raise prices or lower the quality of the goods or services offered in public tenders. OECD countries spend approximately 12% of their GDP in public procurement. This percentage can be higher in developing countries. Competition authorities may play a key role in preventing and tackling this anti-competitive practice, which costs governments and taxpayers billions of dollars every year. Expert competition officials will illustrate enforcement and advocacy actions conducted in their jurisdictions, also in light of the OECD Guidelines for Fighting Bid Rigging in Public Procurement.

Tuesday, 14 May 2024

09.30-10.00	Opening remarks László Bak, Vice President of the Hungarian Competition Authority, Hungary María Pilar Canedo, Academic Director of the OECD-GVH Regional Centre Tour de table
10.00-11.00	Bid rigging: a key field for competition enforcement and advocacy María Pilar Canedo, Academic Director of the OECD-GVH Regional Centre
11.00-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-12.15	The key ingredients of an effective investigation: planning, evidence gathering, assessment and fines Raphaela Grünmann, Senior Case Handler, Austrian Competition Authority
12.15-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-14.45	Main tools to detect bid rigging. Understanding how these cartel work Christoph Brunner, Economist, Swiss Competition Commission
14.45-15.00	Coffee break
15.00-17.00	Hypothetical case 1

Wednesday, 15 May 2024

TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS

09.30-10.15	Evidence used to convict cartels Christoph Brunner, Economist, Swiss Competition Commission
10.15-11.00	Toolkit of the GVH to detect and to prove bid rigging cartels Botond Horváth, Head of Cartel Section, GVH
11.00-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-12.00	Tender design and bid rigging Mehmet Ömür Paşaoğlu, Head of Supervision and Enforcement Department-VI, Rekabet Kurumu, Turkey
12.00-13.15	Family picture and lunch break
13.15-14.00	Successful examples of bid rigging investigations Botond Horváth, Head of Cartel Section, GVH
14.00-15.00	Successful examples of bid rigging investigations María Pilar Canedo, Academic Director of the OECD-GVH Regional Centre
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-17.00	Hypothetical case 2

Thursday, 16 May 2024

COOPERATION WITH PUBLIC PROCUREMENT BODIES

09.30-10.15	Bid-rigging in traffic signalisation projects in Turkey Mehmet Ömür Paşaoğlu, Head of Supervision and Enforcement Department-VI, Rekabet Kurumu, Turkey
10.15-11.15	Effective cooperation with public procurement bodies and authorities Raphaela Grünmann, Senior Case Handler, Austrian Competition Authority
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.20	Final remarks and Kahoot game Botond Horváth, Mehmet Ömür Paşaoğlu, Christoph Brunner, Raphaela Grünmann María Pilar Canedo
12.20-12.30	Delivery of certificates
12.30- 13.45	Lunch