

Second Expert Group Workshop on Competition Policy

26-27 May 2015 – Geneva, Switzerland

Agenda

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At the second in person-meeting of the E15 Expert Group on Competition Policy and the Trade System, experts will start discussing and formulating policy recommendations/proposals, aspiring to articulate more effective ways to tackle challenges at the intersection of the trade and competition policy domains.

The meeting will commence with in-depth discussions of specific topics, informed by introductory presentations by various group members. Three separate think pieces will be presented on the first day of the meeting. Thereafter, the group will discuss policy recommendations that result from the in-depth explorations of issues taking place during the first expert group meeting and on the first day of the second expert group meeting. Finally, next steps will be delineated.

A working dinner will be organised during the evening of 26 May.

Tuesday 26 May

9:00 – 9:15

Welcome remarks

- Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz (ICTSD)
- Katarina Hrubá (World Economic Forum)
- Mario Mariniello (Bruegel), Co-convener

9:15 – 10:00

Expert Group Workshop Agenda Walk Through

- Eduardo Pérez Motta (Agon Economics Law and Strategy), Theme Leader
- Cristian Rodríguez Chiffelle (World Economic Forum), Group Managers

Eduardo Pérez Motta presents the agenda for the second expert group meeting and articulates the main goal of the workshop – the first suggestions for policy recommendations. Cristian Rodríguez Chiffelle presents examples of how other expert groups approached the formulation of these recommendations to offer an E15-wide perspective/context. Cristian thereafter wraps up the session by inviting all the participants of the meeting to briefly introduce themselves.

10:00 – 11:30

Think Piece 1: Government Procurement

- Robert Anderson (WTO)

Government procurement presents an array of challenges at the interface of competition policy, international trade and good governance. In this session, Robert Anderson will preview the contents of a think piece on this topic, inviting input from all present.

11:30 – 11:45

Coffee/Tea

11:45 – 13:00

Think Piece 3: Competition, Trade and Intellectual Property Rights

- Maximiliano Santa Cruz Scantlebury (INAPI)

Maximiliano Santa Cruz Scantlebury's think piece focuses on Intellectual Property, Trade and Competition Policy. In addition to reviewing the concepts of IP and competition policy in broad terms, the think piece analyses the relation between these fields. Finally, the piece reviews some classic and more contemporaneous specific issues where these disciplines interact.

13:00 – 14:00

Light lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Think Piece 3: Competition Policy and State-Owned Enterprises

- Marta Soprana (WTI)
- Pierre Sauvé (WTI)

Marta Soprano will present her initial think piece proposal, taking a closer look at competition policy issues related to the state owned enterprises. As this think piece has been commissioned only a few days in advance of the meeting; the main objective of this session is to discuss the particular angle and scope of an SOE analysis of relevance to the work of this Expert Group.

15:00 – 16:45 Policy Recommendations

- Chair: Eduardo Pérez Motta (Agon Economics Law and Strategy), Theme Leader
- Jorge Padilla (Compass Lexecon Europe)
- Damien Neven (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies)
- Mario Mariniello (Bruegel), Co-convener
- Pradeep Mehta (CUTS International)

The Theme Leader chairs the session to explore the possible policy options that the Expert Group could work on/ propose in the coming months. He invites Jorge Padilla, Damien Neven, Mario Mariniello and Pradeep Mehta to offer their thoughts on policy recommendations developed in their analyses which were presented during the first expert group meeting.

16:45 – 17:00 Coffee/tea

17:00 – 18:00 Concluding Reflections

- Chair: Eduardo Pérez Motta (Agon Economics Law and Strategy), Theme Leader

19:00 – 21:30 Joint reception and dinner with the E15 Expert Group on Services

Wednesday 27 May

9:00 – 10:30 Policy Recommendations

- Chair: Eduardo Pérez Motta (Agon Economics Law and Strategy), Theme Leader
- Robert Anderson (WTO)
- François-Charles Lapr v te (Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP)

The Theme Leader chairs the session to explore the possible policy options that the Expert Group could work on/ propose in the coming months. He invites Robert Anderson and Fran ois-Charles Lapr v te to offer their thoughts on policy recommendations developed in their analyses which were presented during the first expert group meeting.

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee/Tea

10:45 – 12:30 Policy Recommendations - Concluding Discussion

- Chair: Eduardo P rez Motta (Agon Economics Law and Strategy), Theme Leader

The Theme Leader chairs the session on the second day of the workshop to explore the possible policy options that the Expert Group could work on/ propose in the coming months.

12:30 – 13:00 Next Steps

- Chair: Eduardo P rez Motta (Agon Economics Law and Strategy), Theme Leader

The final session of the meeting allows participants to offer final comments and raise any outstanding issues. Finally, the Theme Leader summarizes main take-aways from the two days and briefly outlines the next steps.

13:00 – 14:30 Light Lunch