



**MEMORANDUM FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF COMPETITION
POLICY BETWEEN THE COMPETITION COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF
MOLDOVA AND COMISIÓN NACIONAL DE LOS MERCADOS Y LA
COMPETENCIA DEL REINO DE ESPAÑA (THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR
MARKETS AND COMPETITION OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN)**

The Competition Council of the Republic of Moldova and la Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia del Reino de España (The National Authority for Markets and Competition of the Kingdom of Spain) (hereinafter referred to as «the Parties»),

Expressing the wish to promote cooperation in the field of competition policy and competition law enforcement,

Aiming at the creation of favorable conditions for the development of bilateral relations,

Based on principles of equality and mutual benefit,

Underlining the role of competition in the effective development of market economy,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article I

The Parties shall promote and strengthen cooperation in competition law enforcement and competition policy in line with this Memorandum.

Article II

In the mutual interest of the Parties, cooperation will be realized in the following basic directions subject to reasonably available resources:

- a) exchange of information on legislative developments;
- b) exchange of experience in the field of investigations, regarding the violation of competition rules, following the confidential rules;
- c) exchange of experience regarding the relations between competition authorities and national regulatory agencies.

Article III

The main forms of the Parties interaction may be as follows:

- a) exchange of non-confidential information on legislative developments and cases;
- b) organizing study visits and experts training;
- c) attendance at international conferences, symposiums, seminars and other events organized by the Parties;
- d) expert meetings or consultation via e-mail between experts of the Parties regarding exchange of non-confidential information on specific issues of mutual interest;
- e) organization of high level-meetings/visits for discussing the perspectives and directions in which the bilateral cooperation will continue;
- f) exchange of documents, studies, books etc., which have been published by the Parties.

Article IV

The transfer of information will be made in English language by post and e-mail through designated general contact points or on the occasion of Parties' representatives' meetings.

Article V

The agenda, place and other elements of activities, including financial aspects, shall be individually established by Parties by mutual agreement.

Article VI

Disputes regarding the interpretation and implementation of the present Memorandum, if any, shall be settled by the means of consultations and negotiations.

Article VII

This Memorandum is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Parties and does not constitute an agreement binding upon the States of the Parties under international law. No provision of this Memorandum shall be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Parties.

Article VIII

The present Memorandum shall be jointly revised by the Parties following prior consultations.



Article IX

The present Memorandum is concluded for an unlimited period of time and enters into force on the date of its signing.

Article X

This Memorandum can be terminated by either Party by submitting a written notification to the other Party.

This Memorandum will expire after three months from the date of receipt of the written notification.

Article XI

Signed in Madrid on 5th of October 2017, in duplicate, each in English language.

For the Competition Council of the Republic
of Moldova

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Prof. Dr. Viorica CĂRARE
President

For the Comisión Nacional de los Mercados
y la Competencia del Reino de España

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Prof. Dr. José María MARIN-QUEMADA
President