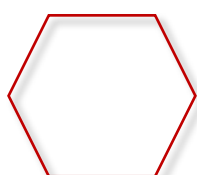




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The activity which took place from 2nd to 6th March 2020, aimed at setting up a working group meeting in order to discuss and efficiently achieve the threefold objectives of the mission which had institutional, provisional and substantial purposes. The common



working group was therefore in charge to prepare a draft for the amendment of the Albanian Law on Competition taking into account the recommendations made in previous missions, as well as the ECN+ Directive. During the whole working week, Ms. Adriana Meijide Vidal and Ms.Carmen Rodilla undertook an exhaustive assessment of the Albanian Law on Competition, with particular focus to

collusive agreements, abuse of dominance and merger controls with the aim to better identify the articles of the Law that needed amendments. The analysis and study carried out by the STEs during this mission – which was the last constituting Act. 1.1 - ended up in a proposal for the Albanian Law on Competition in fully accordance with the initial objectives of this Activity.



Ms. Adriana Meijide Vidal is a Case Handler at the Industry and Energy Division. She holds a degree in Law and is specialized in mergers, antitrust proceedings, cartels, agreements between competitors, abuse of dominant position, pharmaceutical, and energy among other sectors. Ms. Meijide Vidal has participated in the merger working groups of the European Competition Network (ECN),

and the International Competition Network (ICN). She has been the CNMC representative in Regulatel (Latin America forum for telecommunications Regulators) as the liaison with the EU and BEREC. This role included organizing an annual workshop between Regulatel and BEREC to enhance cooperation between regions and foster a common regulatory framework between Latin America and the EU.³ Ms.Carmen Rodilla is an Assistant Doctor at the Commercial law department of the University of Valencia. Phd in Commercial Law, Degree in Law, Politics and Philosophy, Ms. Rodilla is specialized on excessive prices, exclusive rights, Intellectual Property Rights, patent and trademark rights, abuse of dominance. Ms.Rodilla hold as well an active participation in many international conferences on Competition Law and conducting several researches and publications.



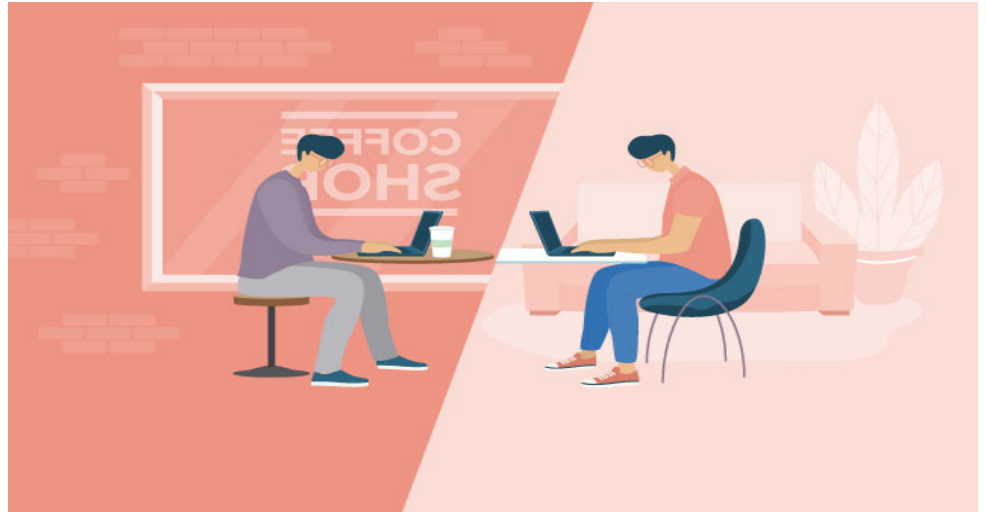
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MANAGING RISKS AND ENSURING PROJECT CONTINUITY EMBRACING VIRTUAL WORK DURING COVID-19



The temporary "lockdown" due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the Albanian and Spanish government measures for mitigating its effects, provoked a partial displacement of the Project activities. Nevertheless, the RTA team jointly with Contracting Authority, Spanish and Albanian counterparts are working on the assessment of the situation in order to provide best solutions for all involved partners. The RTA team indeed, has remained completely operational in alignment with Albanian legal provisions, ensuring the work from home in particular for the following issues:

- The preparation of relevant reports for the Project implementation assessment
- The analysis on the further implementation of the Communication and Visibility actions still to be accomplished
- Informing the Albanian Competition Authority about last CNMC measures facing COVID-19 developments
- Monitoring of the fulfilment of the service contract concluded in order to outsource the official translation of the Albanian Legislation on Competition Policy, from Albanian language to English language, in the framework of the Activity 1.1 of the Project.
- Analyzing the best alternatives to reschedule the March postponed activities
- Ensuring a constant updating to the MC institutions and the Beneficiary Contracting Institution of the most recent measures adopted by the respective governments against the COVID-19 outbreak.