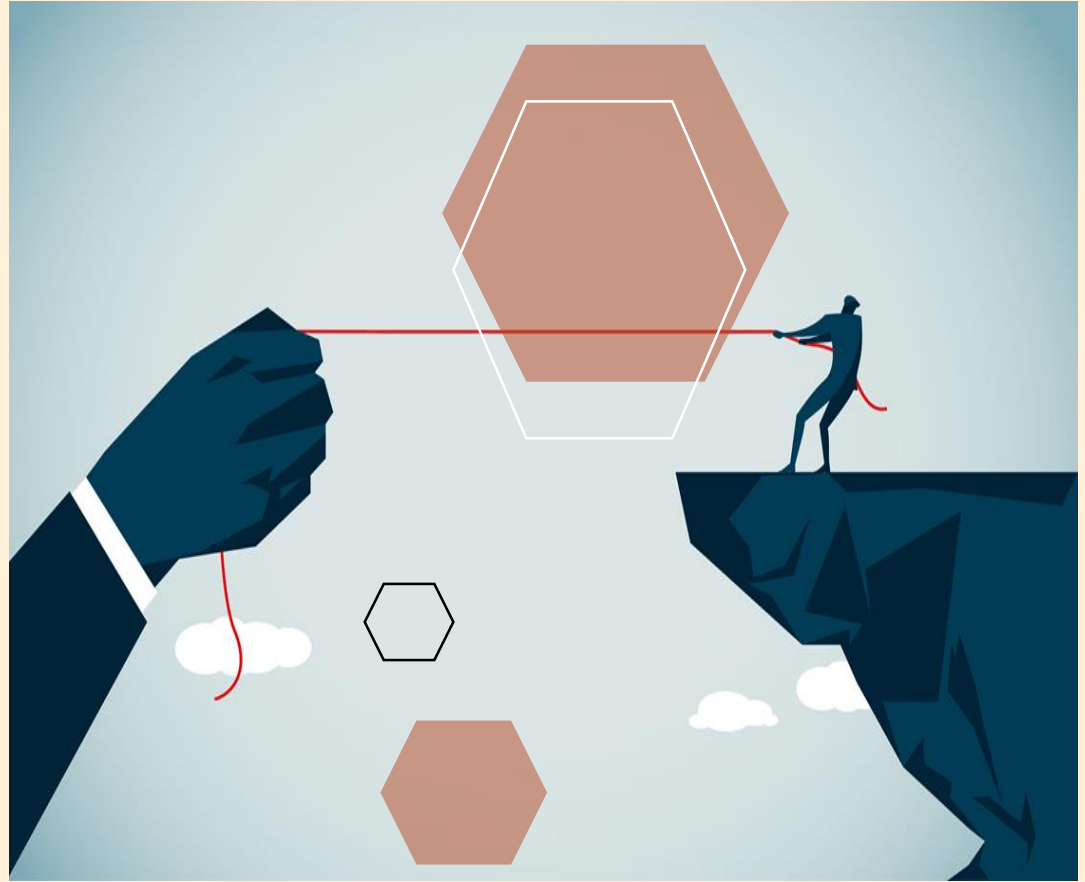




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Chapter 1.

Activity 3.1 Conducted analysis of the effects of the recommendations of the Competition Commission and establishment of the right mechanisms to make them obligatory for central and local government/independent institutions/market regulatory bodies (Quantitative Assessment) SECOND MISSION

Chapter 2.

Activity 1.4: Drafting of normative acts (secondary legal normative acts) on competition (regulations and guidelines)



ACTIVITY 3.1 CONDUCTED ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMPETITION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RIGHT MECHANISMS TO MAKE THEM OBLIGATORY FOR CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT/INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS/MARKET REGULATORY BODIES (QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT) SECOND MISSION

The aim of this activity was to share CNMC's methodologies on how to conduct quantitative analysis of competition restraints in the market and which econometric models could be used. Additionally, and from a more practical angle, the CNMC shared two real case studies, by which the Albanian Competition Authority is expected to calculate the loss of social welfare (in absolute terms, e.g. € million) in a given territory due to the existence of regulatory barriers or lack of competition. This activity was divided into several parts as follows: *a)* Theoretical framework for the analysis of regulatory restrictions. *b)* Taxi versus ride sharing: economic impact of urban transport restrictions. Case study of the Barcelona Metropolitan Area (BMA). *c)* Taxi versus ride sharing: how to model shocks and effects driven by regulatory changes. *d)* Econometric and empirical tools for quantitative analysis Difference-in-Difference (DiD), Propensity Score Matching (PSM). *e)* Case study of unmanned petrol stations in the Region of Madrid. *f)* Potential areas for future case studies. *g)* Case study of the impact of touristic rentals (Airbnb). Application of alternative econometric and empirical tools.

The experts in charge to carry out the abovementioned activity were Mr. Pedro Hinojo and Ms. Gabriella Nemeth. Mr. Hinojo is a Senior Advisor in the Market Studies Unit of the Advocacy Department of CNMC, he is an expert on advocacy, market studies, regulatory reports, state aid and economic analysis. Mr. Hinojo holds a Master degree in Economics with focus on Economic Analysis and a wide experience, longer than 13 years, in the Spanish Public sector, as a Civil servant belonging to the High-Level Civil Corps of Trade Experts and State Economist of Spain.

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ACTIVITY 1.4: DRAFTING OF NORMATIVE ACTS (SECONDARY LEGAL NORMATIVE ACTS) ON COMPETITION (REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES)

In the EU system, there are detailed enforcement procedures which ensure the parties can fully protect themselves and have a high level of procedural guarantees, at every step of the investigations. In accordance to these fundamental procedural rights, the Authorities must set an internal and external procedural package to ensure a sound outcome in its cases.

The twofold goal of this exercise was therefore, to firstly analyze the current procedural system in Albania for antitrust and merger control proceedings - taking into consideration the regulations, guidelines and templates hold by the Albanian Competition Authority. The second objective was to prepare a draft proposal of guidelines for confidentiality and access to file with aiming at preserving a standardized approach so that the parties engaging in proceedings with the authority are aware of their standards.

The activity which took place on from 16th to 20th of December, was led by Ms. Marta García Álvarez and Ms. Adriana Mejjide Vidal. Ms. Marta García Álvarez is a Special Advisor at the Support Unit at the CNMC. She holds a Degree in Mining Engineering and is specialized in Merger and antitrust cases in Energy sector. She has habitually been heading dawn raids teams and participating in international working groups, such as ECN Energy Sub-group. In 2006 Ms. Marta García Álvarez has participated in a twinning with Bulgaria as a short-term expert in the energy sector.

Ms. Adriana Mejjide Vidal is a Case Handler at the Industry and Energy Division. She holds a degree in Law and is specialized in mergers (national and multijurisdictional analysis), antitrust proceedings (cartels, agreements between competitors, vertical restrictions, abuse of dominant position etc.), pharmaceutical, and energy among other sectors. Ms. Mejjide Vidal has participated in the merger working groups of the European Competition Network (ECN), and the International Competition Network (ICN), where CNMC co-chairs the working group. She has been the CNMC representative in *Regulatel* (Latin America forum for telecommunications Regulators) as the liaison with the EU and BEREC (The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications). 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

