

## Flash Report - Seminar on Competition, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

European Business Association in the Framework of the European Union Project «Support to the Georgian Competition Agency», organized the seminar on competition for its members, and for other interested parties on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The following expert speakers from Europe gave presentations on best practice to raise awareness of how businesses can protect themselves from Anti-Competitive behaviors:



Aurelio La Torre - The EU Project, Team Leader, Senior Legal Expert  
Francois Souty - The EU Project, Senior Economic Expert  
Jurate Soviene - Deputy Chair, Lithuanian Competition Council  
Dijana Marcovich -The EU Project, Senior Competition Law Expert  
Anita Nyeso - Competition Expert, OECD Competition Division  
Nodar Khaduri – Chairman of the Competition Agency of Georgia engaged in Q&A discussion with the members of EBA Georgia.



In addition: Mr. David Lee, CEO of EBA Georgia and Board Secretary, John Braeckveldt Chair, Ms. Mariam Kuchuloria Deputy CEO, and Mariam Ghreuli Communications Coordinator.

The seminar aimed to present the necessary skills to reflect on the presence of anti-competitive behaviors in their respective market (cartels, abuses of dominant position, restrictive mergers) and highlighting the measures that businesses could take. During the seminar the speakers also explained how state policies could distort fair competition (state aids and subsidies, concessions and other special and exclusive rights, "tailor-made" legislation and tender procedures, etc.).

Business representatives discussed concrete cases related to their activities. The seminar facilitated interaction between the experts and members, and involved them in a fruitful discussion regarding the EU project activities and goals. Members were able to gain a deeper perception of business burdens, and increased their trust in the enforcement institutions that support proper competition in the business field.

