

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MALTA COMPETITION AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AUTHORITY
AND
THE COMPETITION AUTHORITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**

The Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority and the Albanian Competition Authority (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 favourable conditions for the development of bilateral relations.

Underlining the role of competition in the real and effective development of market economy Have reached, based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit, the following understanding:

Article 1

The Parties will promote and strengthen cooperation in competition policy and enforcement in accordance with their national laws and regulations.

Article 2

For mutual interest of the Parties, cooperation will be focused on the following areas:

- a) Exchange of information on legislative developments,
- b) Exchange of information on major areas of interest in the field of competition law and policy,
- c) Sharing results of studies and other knowledge on interest regarding competition policy,
- d) Exchange of best practices on the economics of antitrust and merger control,
- e) Exchange of information on market developments and on decisions adopted,

- f) Exchange of experience in the field of investigations regarding the violation of competition rules, respecting the legal provisions in force in both countries,
- g) Exchange of experience with the relations between the two authorities and national regulatory agencies.

Article 3

The main focus of cooperation are the following:

- a) Organisation of meetings between the Maltese and Albanian officials for exchanging of information on the latest developments in competition law and policy,
- b) Exchange of non-confidential documents on cases and market studies,
- c) Notification of enforcement activities that may affect the interests of the other party in accordance with their national procedure,
- d) Promoting staff exchanges and experts' training.
- e) Organisation of, from time to time, high level meetings with a view to monitoring developments under this Memorandum of Understanding and identifying other activities for bilateral cooperation to continue.
- f) Attendance to conferences, symposiums, seminars and other events organized by the Parties,
- g) Expert meetings or consultation via e-mail between experts of the Parties which operatively ensure the interface for an exchange of non-confidential information on specific issues of mutual interest,
- h) Exchange of documents, studies, books and technical research, which have been published by the Parties.

Article 4

The transfer or sharing of information will be in English and by official mail and e-mail through designated point of contacts or on the occasion of Parties representatives meetings.

Article 5

The agenda of events, dates, places, financial commitments and any other matters will be, by common agreement, established by the Parties.

Article 6

In order to implement the activities under this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties will designate the contact persons to be notified.

Article 7

Any difference or dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, if any, will be resolved amicably through open dialogue, consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

Article 8

This Memorandum of Understanding will not affect and will be subject to the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from other regional and international agreements to which they are party.

Article 9

This Memorandum of Understanding may be revised at any time with the mutual written consent of the Parties.

Article 10

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature by both Parties and will remain in force up to such time that any party notifies its intent to withdraw by submitting a prior written notification to the other Party.

Article 11

The Memorandum will expire after (3) three months from the date of reception of written notification by the Parties on the intent of withdrawal from this Memorandum.

Article 12

The present Memorandum is signed in Tirana on 3 December in two copies in English language, one for each of the Parties.

For the Malta Competition and
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