



**2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference**  
**on**  
**Harmonisation of Private Antitrust Enforcement:**  
**Central and Eastern European Perspective**

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**General approach**

Directive 2014/104/EU on antitrust damages actions was issued on 26 November 2014 and it is to be transposed by EU Member States into their individual legal systems by 27 December 2016. As the Directive is EEA-relevant, it is to be implemented in the EEA EFTA States as well. The implementation process is ongoing. According to the information provided by the European Commission as of the end of October 2016, none of the countries obliged to transpose it has fully adopted legislation required by the Directive. However, draft legislation is being processed by the parliaments of numerous EU countries. In two countries, including the Czech Republic, legislative drafts are being processed by their governments. In the remaining States, legislative drafts are during or past the stage of public consultations with stakeholders.

Confronted with the need of legal harmonisation, national legislators are facing difficulties to transpose the Directive's substantive and procedural provisions into their domestic legal systems, which reflect various legal traditions and cultures. As a result, the question arises

how the Directive is implemented into the national laws of CEE countries as well as how to apply the implemented solutions in practice. Is legal harmonisation going to increase efficiency of private antitrust enforcement in this European region? Is it going to match the needs and protected interests of consumers? The aim of the Conference Organising Committee is to evaluate the new national legal frameworks and formulate propositions *de lege lata* and *de lege ferenda* for the legal systems of CEE countries, based on the discussions undertaken during the conference.

### **Questions national reports could address**

The Conference Organising Committee is expecting speakers to prepare national reports that will include information on:

- (1) the manner of implementing the Directive in a given country,
- (2) the scope of the implementation,
- (3) competent courts,
- (4) substantive law issues, including limitation periods, joint and several liability, passing-on of overcharges, quantification of harm,
- (5) procedural issues, including disclosure of evidence, effect of national decisions, collective redress,
- (6) consensual dispute resolution in antitrust enforcement.

### **Submission and electronic publication of national reports**

Authors are expected to declare their will to draft national reports (individual or co-authored) to [piszczyk@uwb.edu.pl](mailto:piszczyk@uwb.edu.pl) (CC [cars@wz.uw.edu.pl](mailto:cars@wz.uw.edu.pl)) no later than by 16 December 2016 (Friday). They should specify, first of all, what were the most controversial issues during the implementation process in a given country. Such preliminary submission should not exceed three pages. If more than one submission from a particular country is received, the Conference Organizing Committee will evaluate them and select one of them.

Authors will be informed of the results of the evaluation no later than 19 December 2016 (Saturday).

All completed national reports will have to be submitted in an electronic form, formatted in MS Word or in Open Office, to: [piszczyk@uwb.edu.pl](mailto:piszczyk@uwb.edu.pl) (CC [cars@wz.uw.edu.pl](mailto:cars@wz.uw.edu.pl)) no later than 6 March 2017 (Monday).

The limit on the length of the contributions is in the region of 15-20 pages.

National reports shall be published on the conference webpage.

### **Submission and electronic publication of conference papers**

The Conference Organising Committee will evaluate the national reports and will select the most important issues which should be discussed during the Conference in a comparative perspective. The Conference Organising Committee will encourage selected authors of national reports to prepare conference papers focusing on such issues based on all the national reports. These papers will be presented in relevant panels.

All completed conference papers will have to be submitted in an electronic form, formatted in MS Word or in Open Office, to: [piszczy@uwb.edu.pl](mailto:piszczy@uwb.edu.pl) (CC [cars@wz.uw.edu.pl](mailto:cars@wz.uw.edu.pl)) no later than 5 June 2017 (Monday).

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### **Publication of national reports and conference papers**

The national reports and the conference papers will be published in a special volume of the Yearbook of Antitrust and Regulatory Studies edited by Prof. Anna Piszcz (detailed instructions for authors with regard to YARS, abstracts, articles, quotation standards, reviews etc. can be found at [http://www.yars.wz.uw.edu.pl/call\\_for\\_papers.html](http://www.yars.wz.uw.edu.pl/call_for_papers.html) ), as well as on the conference webpage.

### **Costs**

The organisers will cover 11 conference fees for speakers [authors of conference papers] (in case of co-speakers – fees will be covered in adequate part).

### **Information, contact**

The abstracts and papers as well as all questions, comments, correspondence can be directed to: [piszczy@uwb.edu.pl](mailto:piszczy@uwb.edu.pl) (CC [cars@wz.uw.edu.pl](mailto:cars@wz.uw.edu.pl))

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