

The GVH brought together the competition authorities of the Visegrad Four

27 April 2022, Budapest – Within the framework of the Hungarian Presidency of the Visegrad Group, the competition law experts of the 4 countries met in Budapest at the competition law conference organized by the Hungarian Competition Authority, the GVH.

All four Visegrad countries were represented in the III Visegrad 4 Competition Conference organized by the Hungarian Competition Authority, the GVH on Wednesday in the framework of this year's Hungarian Presidency of the Visegrad Group, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

At the event, which was also broadcast online and open for the press, Csaba Balázs Rigó, President of the Hungarian Competition Authority and Tamás Vargha, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary delivered keynote speeches. The heads and experts of the competition authorities of the Visegrad Countries then discussed competition law problems and legislative practices in the region as well as challenges in the construction sector and the digital markets and their possible solutions.

The event was closed by a speech by Csaba Balázs Rigó, who emphasized the importance of the cooperation of the Visegrad competition authorities with a history of almost three decades and its mutual usefulness also appreciable to consumers.

“The Visegrad countries are connected by much more than we might think at first glance. The Visegrad Four cooperate closely still today. Since the beginning of the accession process, our region has quadrupled its share of Community production, making it one of the main dynamically developing industrial bases of the European Union. In the present times, when there are many disturbances in global supply chains, it is particularly important that the V4 competition authorities cooperate effectively. There are several examples of Czech, Slovak, Polish and Hungarian competition law, all of which have contributed to the development of EU competition law. Accordingly, our countries are not only unilateral beneficiaries of EU accession, but also developers of the practice of EU competition law. A relationship based on mutual professional respect is an advantage for the national competition authorities of all four countries, which can be used for the benefit of families and companies throughout the region.” – said Csaba Balázs Rigó, President of the Hungarian Competition Authority.

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