

## **Competition Culture Centre modifies work plan 2009**

As one of the roles determined by the Competition Act, besides competition supervision and competition advocacy, the president of the Hungarian Competition Authority (GVH) is also responsible for the development of competition culture. It was for the completion of this task that the Competition Culture Centre (CCC) was established in 2005. As an independent unit within the organization of the GVH, the CCC fulfils the tasks related to the development of competition culture in accordance with its annual work plan. As a result of the amendment to the Competition Act, the CCC has modified its work plan for 2009.

The CCC aims at providing the legislators, undertakings taking part in market competition and consumers with information in order to help them to bring their conducts in compliance with competition provisions, to appreciate the public interest relating to competition, to take into account the aspects of competition in legislation and to get familiar with the role and the scope of activity of the GVH.

Based on the new work plan modified following the amendment of the Competition Act, besides the activities earlier planned in the original work plan, the CCC also publishes its calls for tenders supporting the work of other organizations related to competition culture and competition awareness. There are some calls for tenders in connection with the organization and participation at programmes on the above-mentioned fields, and information-providing tasks of civil organizations for consumer protection. The CCC also welcomes tenders for open research and teaching projects, and other research projects with a determined topic. As for the latter there are 10 current topics that have been less discussed so far. The tender period is between 1-31 October 2009.

Besides the above-mentioned, the CCC is responsible for the tasks assumed by the OECD-Hungary Regional Centre for Competition in Budapest (RCC) established by the OECD and the GVH. The RCC, supported by the professional background of the OECD and the GVH, provides technical assistance mostly for the professionals of the Eastern, South-Eastern and Central European countries. The RCC will presumably organise 8 seminars this year.

The modified work plan 2009 of the CCC and the calls for tenders are available in Hungarian on its webpage (www.versenykultura.hu).

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