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Draft Agenda

Tbilisi Time (UTC +4)

Day - 1 | 20 November

- **Venue:** Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace, 20 Telavi St, Tbilisi 0103
- **Language:** Georgian/English (Simultaneous Translation)

Time	Event
09:30 - 10:00	Registration Welcome Coffee
10:00 - 10:40	Opening Ceremony Welcome Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government of Georgia• Parliament of Georgia• International Organizations <p>Andreas Mundt President of the Bundeskartellamt, Steering Group Chair of the International Competition Network ICN (video)</p>
10:40 - 12:00	Opening Session <p>Moderator - Giorgi Abashishvili Founder & CEO of Business Insider Georgia & Economic Forum Georgia</p>

	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natia Turnava Acting Governor of the National Bank of Georgia • Irakli Lekvinadze Chairman of the Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency • Davit Narmania Chairman of the National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission of Georgia • Davit Onoprishvili Head of the State Insurance Supervision Service of Georgia • Vakhtang abashidze Commissioner, Communications Commission
12:00 - 12:30	<p>Coffee Break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Media Comments - Family Photo
12:30 - 13:30	<p>Keynote Speaker</p> <p>Competition Protection Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andreas Mundt President of the Bundeskartellamt, Steering Group Chair of the International Competition Network ICN (video) • Teresa Moreira Head of Competition & Consumer Policies UNCTAD • Cristina Caffarra Deputy Director of the CEPR Competition Research Network <p>Consumer Rights Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabelle Perignon, Director Consumers -Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers of European Commission (Online)
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:45	Parallel Breakout Session Round I
1	<p>Recent Developments and Key Challenges in Mergers Control</p> <p>Moderator:</p>

Panelists:

- **Serge Sandt** Legal Advisor to the Presidency, Luxembourg Competition Authority
- **Elonas Šatas** Chief Advisor Lithuanian Competition Council
- **Shamsi Rzali** Head of the State Control over Natural Monopolies Department - The State Service for Antimonopoly and Consumer Market Control under the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Giorgi Kedelidze** Head of the Strategic Markets Monitoring Department | GCCA

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Consumer Protection in the Digital E-Commerce Landscape

Moderator - Ana Cândida Muniz Cipriano Legal Officer at UN trade and development | UNCTAD

Panelists:

- **Sergo Sanikidze** Head of the Consumer Rights Protection Department | GCCA

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Competition Enforcement Policy in Regulated Markets: Key Trends and Challenges

Moderator - Levan Kalandadze Deputy Chairman | GCCA

Panelists:

- **Sopio Momtselidze** Head of the Competition Division of the Legal Department of the National Bank of Georgia
- **Nikoloz Sumbadze** Director of Market Monitoring Department at Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission | GNERC
- **Salome Kavtaradze** Head of the Legal Department | GCCA
- **Daniel Mankowski** Vice-President of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection of Poland
- **Eter Papiashvili** Head Of License and Registration Division at Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia

15:45 - 16:15	Coffee Break
16:15 - 17:30	Parallel Breakout Session Round II
1	<p>Combating Cartels in Vulnerable Markets Evaluating Outcomes and Best Practices</p> <p>Moderator - Akari Yamamoto-Bonenfant Legal Officer at the Competition and Consumer Policies Branch of UNCTAD</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steffen Sirries Professor at Kutaisi International University • Tamta Margvelashvili - Competition, Capital & Financial Markets (Nodia, Urumashvili & Partners) Dep • Gvantsa Chaduneli - Deputy Head of Economic Competition Department GCCA
2	<p>Consumer Rights Protection in Regulated Markets: Key Trends and Challenges</p> <p>Moderator - Lasha Gzirishvili Head of Consumer Protection Department of the National Bank of Georgia</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariam Koshoridze Head of Consumer Protection and Financial Education Division, Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia • Nino Guleishvili Acting Public Defender of Consumers Interests • Giorgi Didebashvili First Deputy Director of Consumers' Disputes Department of Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC) • Gvantsa Chkheidze Public Defender of Consumer Interests (Communications Ombudsman)

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Implementing Effective Anti-Dumping Policies | Practical Enforcement and Future Perspectives

Moderator:

Panelists:

- **Elene Tskhomelidze** Head of the Anti-dumping Measures Department | GCCA

Day - 2 | 21 November

Venue: Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace, 20 Telavi St, Tbilisi 0103

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Time	Event
09:30 - 10:00	Registration \ Welcome Coffee
10:00 - 11:00	Keynote Speaker Competition Protection Policy Consumer Rights Protection
11:00 - 12:15	Panel Discussion Competition Policy Enforcement in Digital Markets: Challenges and Best Practices Moderator: Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marco Estanqueiro Vice President of the Luxembourg Competition Authority• Lukas Cavada Executive Coordinator for International Affairs at the Austrian Federal Competition Authority

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denar Biba Chairman of the Albanian Competition Authority • Peter Hoeltzenbein Senior Case Handler of the Bundeskartellamt
12:15 - 12:45	Coffee Break
12:45 - 14:00	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Consumer Education Empowering Vulnerable Consumers in the Digital Age</p> <p>Moderator - Maria Teresa Da Piedade Moreira head of the Competition and Consumer Policies Branch of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Riefa Professor, Research Division Lead School of Law, Co-ordinator of the UNCTAD Working Group on Consumer Protection in E-commerce, Board Member of the International Association of Consumer Law (online) • Daniel Mankowski, Vice-President of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection of Poland
14:00 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 15:30	<p>Memorandum Signing Ceremony between the Counterpart Agencies of the Competition and Consumer Rights Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between the Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency and the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti

Day - 3 | 22 November

Venue: Mtskheta City

Language: Georgian | English (Simultaneous Translation)

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12:00 - 15:00

Closing Remarks & Cultural Tour in Mtskheta