

**Program on cooperation  
between the Federal Antimonopoly Service (Russian Federation) and  
the Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority  
for 2016-2017**

The Federal Antimonopoly Service (Russian Federation) (hereinafter – the FAS Russia) and the Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority (hereinafter – the FCCA), hereinafter referred to as Parties,

setting themselves the object to implement the Agreement on Cooperation between the State Committee of the Russian Federation for Antimonopoly Policy and Promotion of New Economic Structures and the Office of Free Competition of Finland signed on 21 September 1994 (hereinafter – Agreement),

approved the current Programme on cooperation for 2016-2017.

1. With the purpose of implementation of provisions of the Article 2 of the Agreement the Parties are to secure:

- a) exchange of legal and other normative documents as well as information exchange including:
- providing each other with the texts of laws and other legal acts which make the ground to the Party's activity;
  - providing each other with elaborated methodological materials on the Party's directions of activity;
  - providing each other with statistic data and information on the activity of the Party and its Regional Offices.

Transfer of materials shall be realized in English language via international mail or at the meetings of the Parties' representatives.

- b) organizing meetings of the Heads of Authorities including:

- holding of meetings in a mutually agreed location whenever deemed necessary by the Parties to discuss the process of realization of the current Program on cooperation, issues of mutual interest and / or the Program on cooperation for the next period.

c) in the field of organization of traineeships for the Parties' representatives and organizing symposiums, conferences and seminars:

- holding of traineeships for competition policy specialists from Moscow or Saint-Petersburg regions, Helsinki (the number of persons and the length of traineeship are to be confirmed separately):
  - first half-year in 2016 and 2017 -in Helsinki;
  - second half-year in 2016 and 2017 -in Moscow or in Saint-Petersburg.

or

- organizing symposiums, conferences, seminars including inviting representatives of the other Party to participate in symposiums, conferences and seminars on competition policy issues.

Holding of traineeships and organizing of symposiums, conferences, seminars are realized at the presence of financial and administrative resources of the Parties.

In the field of traineeships the Parties shall organize meetings with specialists from other bodies of State power according to the subject of traineeship.

2. In case of need, the Parties provide each other with informational and consultation assistance for implementation of tasks in the sphere of competition policy determined by legislation of the States of the Parties.

Parties inform each other on the ongoing investigations of anticompetitive actions of economic entities if these investigations are conducted with regards to economic entities, registered on the territory of the State of the other Party, as well as in those cases, when anticompetitive actions of economic entities, by the opinion of the informing Party, are able to affect the interests of the other Party.

Provision of the above mentioned information is carried out on the base of a request submitted by one of the Parties, which includes the purpose of the information use.

The requested information is provided within the time agreed by both Parties, but not later than within forty five days from the date the request has been received. The Party, which receives the request, informs immediately the other Party on circumstances, which could cause failure to provide the requested information or nonobservance of the given period.

The Party upon its initiative - as well as upon a request of the other Party carries out the transfer of information concerning the actions of economic entities and Authorities of the Parties States, which contradict the national legislation of the Parties and require certain measures aimed at insurance of the observance of competition legislation on commodities markets of the Parties States.

The Party, which received the specified information, is liable to use the information only for the purposes specified in the enquiry and has to observe all conditions of confidentiality in accordance with legislation of the State of the Party which received the information.

3. The FCCA will exchange experience of its integration into the European system of competition law with the FAS Russia.

4. Budgeting of cooperation will be exercised as follows: All expenses related to travelling, transportation, meals and accommodation with regard to participation in different events, meetings and traineeship shall be covered by the sending Party. The hosting Party bears all the expenses connected with organizing the visit.

5. In case of need the Parties shall have additional consultations on issues concerning implementation of the Agreement and the Program on cooperation.

6. The current Program on cooperation is valid till December 31, 2017. Activities that have been started but not finished are to be taken into account when making a Program for the next time period.

7. The Parties will agree the next Program on cooperation till December 31, 2017.

8. The Program on cooperation is subject to the confidentiality laws and regulations binding the Parties. Neither Party is required to communicate information to the other Party if such communication is prohibited by the laws or regulations binding the Party possessing the information.

Signed in Paris, on October “29” 2015 in two copies, in English and Russian languages.

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