

AGENDA
3rd Annual International Conference
Antimonopoly Policy: Science, Practice, Education
“Digital Economy and Competition Policy”
December 5-6, 2017, Moscow, Skolkovo Innovation Center

December 5, (Tuesday)		
09.30-11.30	<p>Session 1 Competition law in the system of modern education and science Development of economic relations in Russia based on principles of market economy and the need to protect competition between economic entities caused the formation of a new branch of the Russian law – competition law. The provisions of the antimonopoly legislation and competition rules are essential to all spheres of economic activities ranging from regulation of activity of natural monopolies and dominant companies in the market, to regulation of public procurement and bidding for management of state resources. The current special legal mechanisms for regulating relations on protection and development of competition, clearly indicate the specific subject and method inherent in competition law as an independent branch of law. The existing and increasing with each passing day the demand for legal professionals in the area of antimonopoly policy can be satisfied only with the possibility of development of a science of competition law and training specialists in educational organizations. Objectives of the Session: to exchange experiences and scientific approaches in the field of competition law, proposals on development of the science of competition law and the relevant directions of development of professional education in this field.</p>	<p>Session 2 New approaches to defining markets when establishing dominant position and considering transactions on economic concentration Trends of markets globalization, digitalization and accelerating economic development now lead to the fact that the structure of national economies is changing radically. Companies, even those are not physically presented in the national markets, can have a significant impact on competition in related markets, thereby adversely affect consumers. This problem confronts the competition authorities the task of finding new approaches to definition of markets when considering transactions on economic concentration, as well as investigations of abuse of dominant position. In addition, currently a draft law is being developed in the Russian Federation on amendments to the Federal law "On Protection of Competition" aimed at the adaptation of measures of antimonopoly regulation to new economic conditions of the unfolding fourth industrial revolution, including with regard to using by economic entities new business models in the global value chains, as well as the latest information technologies and intellectual property. These aspects are proposed to participants of this Session for discussion.</p>

11.30-12.00	Coffee-break		
12.00-14.00	<p>Session 3 Determination of the amount of damages caused by the violation of the Antimonopoly legislation</p> <p>Participants of the Session will discuss the methods of calculating damages, existed both in Russian and in foreign enforcement practice on challenges connected with violation of competition legislation. The summary of the mentioned methods is stipulated in the Guidelines of the Presidium of the FAS Russia No. 11 approved on October 11, 2017.</p> <p>Amount of compensable damages may be even higher than the fine imposed on monopolists and cartel participants for violation of competition legislation. The mentioned Guidelines could assist the damaged Party to protect its rights, inter alia, through filling of claims that could become an additional mechanism of restoring consumer property rights.</p>	<p>Session 4 The transfer of state procurement and procurement of state-owned companies in electronic form as one of the main directions of development of the digital economy</p> <p>Currently, in the Russian Federation the conditions for development of electronic commerce are created, including implementation of electronic procedures for public (municipal) and corporate procurement. Electronic procedures will ensure development of competition in procurement by simplifying application procedure, including economic entities, located at a considerable distance from customers and therefore increasing the number of procurement participants, including those of small businesses.</p> <p>In this Session participants will discuss the main features of electronic procedures for determination of suppliers (contractors), to improve anonymity for the submission and consideration of applications of participants of procurement and ensure fair competition and contribute to reducing corruption risks, risks of collusion between bidders, increasing budgetary savings</p>	<p>Meeting of the International working group for research of competition issues in the automotive markets</p> <p>Currently, the global antitrust community active in the struggle against global cartels that arise in different markets, which often are transnational corporations. The largest of them affect not only the markets and the economy of the country in which they originated, but also entail negative consequences, visible at the level of the global economy.</p> <p>Today one of the largest cartel is the cartel of automotive parts, was first publicised in 2010. Since dozens of countries had investigated hundreds of individual cases of violation of the Antimonopoly legislation in the market of auto parts.</p> <p>A large number of antitrust cases relating to the automotive industry, are being investigated in several jurisdictions simultaneously and are of international concern because of violation of the Antimonopoly legislation, committed by representatives of the automotive industry, commonly lead to infringement of interests of economic entities, restricting competition, creating high barriers of entry into the market,</p>

			drive up the cost of dealer service and poor quality to many other negative consequences. These aspects are proposed for discussion by the participants of this meeting.
14.00-15.00	Lunch		
14.30-15.00	The meeting of representatives of Antimonopoly bodies of BRICS to discuss the draft Report on the state of competition in the seed market in the BRICS countries (closed format).		
15.00-17.00	<p>Session 5 Digital economy and cartels Large-scale “tectonic” changes dictate the need for new rules of the game. IT-giants are seeking ways to strengthen positions in the field of artificial intelligence’s development by creation of autonomous algorithms for the purpose of a long-term profit maximization. Using software to monitor activity of competitors in the market is not a prohibition in itself. Due to ability of algorithms in real-time to process and analyze large amounts of data, they can enhance market transparency and help companies to respond quickly to initiatives of rivals. But what prevents digital companies from using their technological potential to affect the market situation? Bots use can create a market environment in which business rivals can easily coordinate economic activity or be involved in bid-rigging, without any risk being administratively prosecuted for violation of the antimonopoly legislation.</p>	<p>Session 6 New approaches to tariff regulation Session is dedicated to the issues of legislative support of tariff regulation, including amendments to the Law on Protection of Competition, abolition of the Law on Natural Monopolies and adoption of the Law on Basics of Tariff Regulation. Participants of the Session will discuss the most up-to-date pro-competitive principles of tariff regulation based on market analysis and long-term tariff regulation. Special attention will be paid to issues of informational support of tariff regulations, including interaction between the Federal and Regional Executive Authorities, standards of information disclosure, formation and processing of large databases. The best practices of cooperation in the sphere of tariff regulation in the frameworks of the CIS-countries, Eurasian Economic Unit, Network of Economic Regulators, Energy Regulators Regional</p>	<p>Expanded meeting of Scientific-methodical Council of educational organizations and departments competition law and antitrust regulation of the FAS Russia The activity of the Board is aimed at supporting to promote competition law as one of the basic academic disciplines, organizing academic theoretical and practical researches and development of science of competition law and regulation; providing methodological support for branches of competition law and antimonopoly regulation. Up to the moment 51 educational organizations and branches of competition law and antimonopoly regulation have been created. Participants of the meeting will discuss the following issues: competition law as a branch of law and as academic discipline; main categories of competition law; approaches to creation of branches on competition law;</p>

	Participants of the session are invited to assess how effectively the existing antitrust laws are able to address such scenarios. Moreover, the session will be devoted to the use of digital technologies in exposure and proving of cartels. Competition experts will share their experience in development and application of technologies with capacity to remotely expose violations of antimonopoly legislation.	Association (ERRA) will be also discussed at this Session.	capacity-building program “Public regulation of prices (tariffs)”; unit standard “Specialist on Competition Law”.
17.00–19.00	Buffet		
December 6 (Wednesday)			
09.30-10.00	Registration of participants, welcoming coffee		
10.00-12.00	<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY SESSION “Digital Economy and Competition Policy”</p> <p>The realities of digital economy make international competition community to face challenges that require rapid adaptation. Effects of large hi-tech companies’ activity are still too hard to witness and to forecast. It is, however, obvious now that not only information, but also infringements of antimonopoly legislation are spreading at the speed of sound.</p> <p>Recent developments on digital markets resulted in the emergence of several companies that earn revenues substantially by using business models based on collection and processing of big data. At first sight, advanced self-learning algorithms provide customers with solutions in accordance with their individual needs. Nevertheless, it is hard to assess the scope of end customers’ exposure to negative impact of digitalization of the economy.</p> <p>Antimonopoly response only with regard to the human factor is already not enough to combat unfair practices of digital giants. Participants of the Plenary session – prominent representatives of expert and academic community, senior officials of foreign competition authorities – are invited to discuss key issues and features that must be taken into account with regard to the assessment of linkages between data, market power and competition law, as well as risks for competition enforcement associated with global nature of digital transformations.</p>		
12.00-12.30	Coffee-break/Press-conference		
12.30-14.00	PLENARY SESSION “Digital Economy and Competition Policy” (continuation)	Regional meeting of heads of Antimonopoly authorities of the States-participants of CIS in the framework of activities of the Discussion group UNCTAD to discuss issues of international cooperation of	

		competition authorities on the topic: "Develop strategies to overcome obstacles in the implementation of international cooperation of competition authorities in dealing with restrictive business practices of international companies, as well as consideration of global economic concentration transactions" (closed format).
14.00-15.00	LUNCH	
15.00-19.00	Excursion for foreign participants in the Museum-panorama "Borodino battle" (tour starts at 16.00).	