



# **MEMORANDUM**

# ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF COMPETITION POLICY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

BETWEEN THE HEAD OF THE MINISTRY OF ANTIMONOPOLY REGULATION AND TRADE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS AND THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

The Head of the Ministry of Antimonopoly Regulation and Trade of the Republic of Belarus and the Head of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection of the Republic of Poland (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants"),

Expressing the wish to promote cooperation in the field of competition policy and consumer protection,

Aiming at the creation of favorable conditions for the development of bilateral relations, based on principles of equality and mutual benefit,

Underlining the role of competition policy and consumer protection in the effective development of market economy,

Have agreed as follows:

#### Article I. AIM

Aim of this Memorandum is development and strengthening the cooperation between the Participants in the field of competition policy and consumer protection.

# **Article II. FIELDS OF COOPERATION**

In accordance with the law of the Participants, the Participants cooperate in the following basic directions:

exchange of experience in the field of violations investigation of the antimonopoly (competition) law;

exchange of experience in the field of competition advocacy;

exchange of experience on interaction of the Participants with antimonopoly (competitive) authorities of other countries and national state authorities;

exchange of views on multilateral issues of international cooperation in the field of antimonopoly (competition) law and consumer protection law and policy in these areas.

# **Article III. FORMS OF COOPERATION**

In order to implement Article II of this Memorandum the Participants cooperate in the following forms:

organization of high level-meetings/visits for discussing the perspectives and directions in which the bilateral cooperation will continue;

organizing study visits and experts training including those who working with court cases;

attendance at international conferences, symposiums, seminars and other events organized by the Participants;

expert meetings or consultation between experts of the Participants on specific issues of mutual interest;

exchange of non-confidential documents in the field of competition policy and consumer protection, studies, books etc., which have been published by the Participants.

# Article IV. FINANCING

Each Participant will pay expenses incurred in connection with this Memorandum in accordance with the law of the Participants, unless otherwise agreed in each case.

# **Article V. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Any dispute that may arise in relation to the implementation or interpretation of this Memorandum will be settled amicably through consultations between the Participants.

## **Article VI. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS**

This Memorandum may be amended by mutual consent of the Participants through exchange of annexes providing for amendments and (or) additions to it.

## **Article VII. FINAL REMARKS**

1. This Memorandum does not constitute a treaty under public international law.

2. This Memorandum will become effective upon signature and will remain valid for unlimited period of time, unless either Participant terminates it in written form.

Signed in <u>Warsaw</u> on "<u>26</u>" <u>11</u> 2018, in two copies, each in the English, Russian and Polish languages. Both copies are equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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