

## Agenda

17 February 2026

Hotel Reykjavík Grand

The workshop *Competition Assessment of Laws and Regulations* is designed to train public officials on assessing existing legislation and designing pro-competitive legislation, through theory, examples and exercises. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and intervene during the presentations.

<b>09:00 – 09:15</b>	<b>Arrival of participants</b>
<b>09:15 – 09:30</b>	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <i>Federica Maiorano, OECD &amp; Ania Thiemann, OECD</i>
<b>09:15 – 09:45</b>	<b>The benefits of Competition Assessment as part of the policy making process</b> <i>Federica Maiorano, OECD</i> <p>This session will give an overview of the benefits of the competition assessment of laws and regulations. This session will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) introduction to the benefits of competition;</li><li>(ii) estimates of the benefits of competition and of pro-competitive regulation; and</li><li>(iii) how Iceland compares with other OECD countries on pro-competitive regulation.</li></ul>
<b>09:45 – 10:15</b>	<b>Competition Assessment – an OECD perspective</b> <i>Ania Thiemann, OECD</i> <p>This session will present an introduction to the OECD Recommendation on Competition Assessment and the Competition Assessment Toolkit. It will include a presentation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) the basics of competition assessment;</li><li>(ii) OECD Recommendation; and</li><li>(iii) step by step process following the Competition Assessment Toolkit.</li></ul>
<b>10:15 – 10:45</b>	<b>Competition Assessment – an Icelandic perspective</b> <i>Speakers from the ICA</i> <p>This session will present the activities of the Icelandic competition authority and of other public bodies regarding competition assessment. It will include a presentation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) methodology followed in Iceland;</li><li>(ii) selected opinions by the competition authority; and</li><li>(ii) experience with past reforms.</li></ul>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Key questions in Competition Assessment</b>
	<i>Federica Maiorano, OECD</i>
	<p>This presentation will focus on the four types of regulatory barriers to competition identified in the Recommendation and the Toolkit, with examples of regulations that fall under each type of barriers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) limiting the number or range of suppliers;</li> <li>(ii) limiting the ability of suppliers to compete;</li> <li>(iii) reducing the incentives of suppliers to compete; and</li> <li>(iv) limits the choices and information available to customers.</li> </ul> <p>For each type of barriers, participants will be invited to provide examples from their experience.</p>
<b>12:00 – 12:45</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>12:45 – 13:05</b>	<b>Address from the Prime Minister's Office</b>
	<i>Mr. Benedikt Árnason, Prime Minister's Office</i>
<b>13:05 – 14:10</b>	<b>Competition Assessment in practice</b>
	<i>Ania Thiemann, OECD</i>
	<p>This interactive session will cover detailed case studies from <a href="#">OECD Competition Assessment Reviews</a>.</p>
<b>14:10 – 14:20</b>	<b>Key takeaways</b>
	<i>Federica Maiorano, OECD</i>
<b>14:20 – 14:30</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>
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