

# ISTANBUL COMPETITION FORUM



ISTANBUL COMPETITION FORUM ANNUAL WEBINAR, in cooperation with UNCTAD

Dear Colleagues,

As you all know, since last year Turkish Competition Authority has been organizing Istanbul Competition Forum (ICF), with the participation of UNCTAD. Having received positive feedback from last year's participants, we are determined to continue holding such conferences regarding competition issues in our region.

Due to the current pandemic, we will not be able to hold our Annual ICF Event in Istanbul. However, we certainly do not want this forum to lose its momentum and we are very pleased to announce that it will be held online on 15-16.12.2020.

Regarding the topics to be discussed, we have considered that "Competition Issues in Digital and Labor Markets" and "Competition Enforcement in Times of Covid-19" would be most suitable topics as these issues have been affecting the competition in almost all markets.

The digital sector has become pervasive almost in all economies around the world, and has been transforming our lives in many respects. Yet there are increasing concerns that competition in digital markets may not work properly, leading to the creation of dominant platforms with market power. This in turn may make it difficult for rivals to challenge the position of the incumbents and may not deliver consumers the benefits of a truly open market. For this reason, we have identified the digital markets as one of the topics to be discussed in ICF.

The reason for choosing "Competition Issues in Labor Markets" is the increased attention by both scholars and competition agencies (especially in the EU and US) to this topic as increasing market power of firms in labor markets is attributed to one of the causes for declining growth rate and rising income inequality.

As we all now, we have all been effected by the Covid-19 crisis and competition law is no exception. Challenges faced by the competition law enforcers has been on many different levels from remote-working conditions to how to handle on-going and new investigations at the times of lock-down; from changing policy priorities to deciding on which priorities to focus on helping to overcome the crisis. Therefore, we will be holding a session on "Competition Enforcement in Times of Covid-19" to share the views of the public and private sector on how to take action during Covid-19.

This year's Annual ICF Webinar will be open to public. For more information, please contact us at [international@rekabet.gov.tr](mailto:international@rekabet.gov.tr) or visit ICF's Website <https://icf.rekabet.gov.tr/>.

I hope that the Annual Webinar will provide valuable information to all of the participants.

Kind regards,

**Birol KÜLE**

President of the Turkish Competition Authority

## "Competition Issues in Digital and Labor Markets"

### Day 1

#### Session 1 – Competition Issues in Digital Markets

##### Opening Speech

- **Birol KÜLE**, President, Turkish Competition Authority
- **Ruhsar PEKCAN**, Minister, Ministry of Trade

##### Keynote Speech

- **Lina KHAN**, Associate Professor of Law, Columbia Law School

##### Moderator:

- **Meltem BAĞIŞ AKKAYA**, Acting Head of External Relations and Advocacy Department, Turkish Competition Authority

##### Speakers:

- **Teresa MOREIRA**, Head, Competition and Consumer Branch, UNCTAD
- **Bogdan M. CHIRITOIU**, President, Romanian Competition Council
- **Driss GUERRAOUI**, President, Competition Council of Morocco
- **Elena ZAEVA**, Department Head, Department for Regulation of Telecommunications and Information Technology - Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation
- **Prof. Juliana LATIFI**, Chairwoman, Albanian Competition Authority
- **Rahat Kaunain HASSAN**, Chairperson, Competition Commission of Pakistan
- **Ridha Ben MAHMOUD**, President, Tunisian Competition Council
- **Shahin NAGIYEV**, Head, Azerbaijan State Service for Antimonopoly Policy and Consumer Rights Protection under Ministry of Economy

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## ISTANBUL

08.00

Washington DC, USA

14.00

Geneva, Switzerland

15.00

Bucharest, Romania

16.00

Istanbul, Turkey

17.00

Baku, Azerbaijan

18.00

Islamabad, Pakistan

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## "Competition Issues in Labor Markets" and "Competition Enforcement in Times of Covid-19"

### Day 2

#### Session 1 – Competition Enforcement in Times of Covid-19

##### Moderator:

- **Faik Metin TIRYAKI**, Vice President, Turkish Competition Authority

##### Speakers:

- **Ayşe ERGEZEN**, Board Member, Turkish Competition Authority
- **Ebru GÖKÇE DESSEMOND**, Legal Officer, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD
- **Farrukh KARABAYEV**, Deputy Head, Antimonopoly Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- **Kübra Erman KARACA**, President, TÜBİSAD (Information and Communications Association)
- **Valon PRESTRESHI**, President, Kosovo Competition Authority

#### Session 2 – Competition Issues in Labor Markets

##### Moderator:

- **Ebru GÖKÇE DESSEMOND**, Legal Officer, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD

##### Speakers:

- **Alberto HEIMLER**, Head of Working Party No 2, OECD
- **Marshall STEINBAUM**, Assistant Professor, University of UTAH
- **Meltem BAĞIŞ AKKAYA**, Acting Head of External Relations and Advocacy Department, Turkish Competition Authority

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## ISTANBUL

13.00

Geneva, Switzerland

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Istanbul, Turkey

17.00

Tashkent, Uzbekistan

07.00

Salt Lake City, USA

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Geneva, Switzerland

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