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**Cooperation of Regulatory Authorities in
Competition Enforcement**

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Project objectives

Development of cooperation between competition authorities due to globalization and integration processes.



Creation of the system of the interaction of competition authorities of APEC economies.



Creation of the mechanism for information exchange between APEC competition authorities.

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Compliance with the APEC priorities

- stable competition is an integral part of structural reform (***LAISR***);
- developing of effective means of cooperation between APEC economy regulatory agencies, including competition authorities, and capacity building (***APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform***);
- establishing appropriate cooperation arrangements among APEC economies (***Osaka Action Agenda***).

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Promotion of the CPLG previous activity

- Focusing on issues of common interest
- Elaborating new forms of cooperation
- Developing operating APEC Competition Policy and Law Database

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Basic element of the Project is a Questionnaire

The Questionnaire is supposed to focus on the following basic issues:

- ex-territorial application of the national competition legislation of the APEC economies
- prohibitions on exchange of different types of information;
- exchange of confidential information.

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Major activities of the Project

- analysis of the questionnaire filled in by the APEC stakeholders on the currently possible ways for information exchange in competition investigations in the APEC economies;
- elaboration of the most suitable mechanism for information exchange in competition investigation;
- discussion of this mechanism at the Workshop to be held in Russia in September 2011;
- issuance of final product (approved form of mechanism on information exchange);
- elaboration of concept of formation of electronic database on current competition enforcement practice of APEC economies.

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Possible ways to facilitate an exchange of information

- conclusion of a special agreement between the APEC economies or APEC national competition agencies (Agreement between the **US and Australian Governments** on Mutual Antitrust Enforcement Assistance or cooperation within the **European Competition Network** may be taken as a basis);
- creation of APEC electronic database on current competition enforcement practice with free access to all the APEC competition enforcers;
- using waivers on individual cases;
- relationships of trust and confidence between APEC competition authorities.

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Target audience of the Project

- CPLG members;
- experts of APEC competition authorities;
- government officials in charge of competition;
- representatives of regulatory agencies;
- other relevant APEC for a members.

Involvement of legal and business communities, academicians and civil society institutions.

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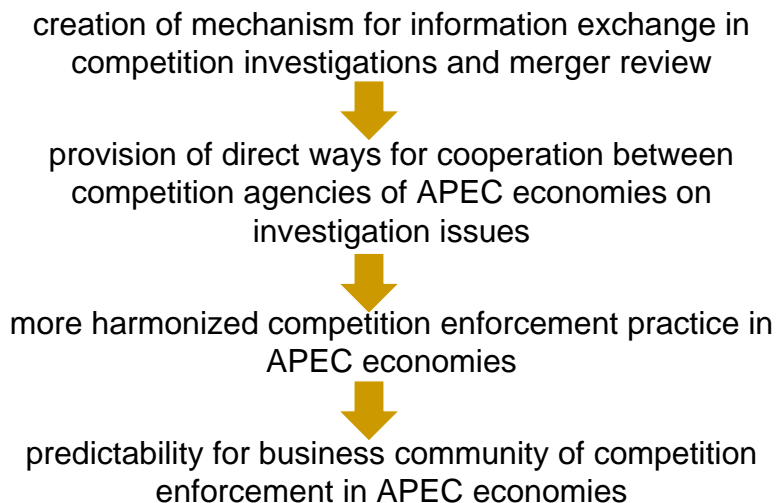
Gender concerns

- the Project is targeted at the experts in competition policy and enforcement, great extent of which are women (for example, in the Central Office of the FAS Russia women comprise 63 % out of total number of staff, occupying high positions)
- the Project will be implemented mainly by women working in the International Economic Cooperation Department of the FAS Russia, run by Ms. Lesya Davydova.
- final outcome of the Project will be elimination of restriction of competition which provides for better choice of goods at better prices. Women, being the main consumers on market, will surely benefit from this.

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Project Outputs



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