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Survey on Information Exchange on Competition in APEC Region: Phase I

Main Challenges for the Project Implementation

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Main Challenges:

- ✚ Lack of uniform understanding of characteristics/definitions of the types of information, e.g. some economies treat “evidence” and “factual information” as synonyms, while some do not.
- ✚ Delays with providing answers. Thus the Project may lag behind the original schedule.
- ✚ Differences in attitudes to the Questionnaire structure: some economies prefer open questions, while others feel more convenient with Y/N questions.
- ✚ Different degree of experience in and institutional development of information exchange.
- ✚ Different reliability of safeguards against unauthorized disclosure of information received from foreign competition authority.

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Addressing challenges:

- ✚ The answers received are consistent enough to be analyzed and structured in the course of preparation of the Survey due to prior thorough work on definitions developed jointly with the economies that provided comments to the Questionnaire.
- ✚ The Project has all chances to regain some minor deviation from its schedule.

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Opportunities for information exchange:

- Considerable possibilities for exchange of any type of information except that recognized as confidential in accordance with the national legislation of economies (unless MLAT or other cooperation agreement is present)

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