



# Workshop on Regulatory Barriers to Competition in Professional Services : Measurement and Reform Experiences

18 & 19 November 2021

Virtually via Zoom

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## AGENDA

DAY 1 - 18 November 2021 - 12.30-16.00, CET

12.30 – 13.10

**Introductory remarks:** Alain de Serres, Deputy Director, Economics Department, OECD, *Introducing the OECD PMR indicators on professional services*

**Keynote speech:** Jacques Pelkman, CEPS and visiting professor at College of Europe and Goethe University Frankfurt, *A critical assessment of PMR indicators on professional services*

13.10 - 14.20

### Session 1 - Why competition matters in professional services and what drives it

**Discussant:** Frank Verboven, Professor, University of Leuven

**Chair:** Cristiana Vitale, Senior Economist, Economics Department, OECD

1. Paula Ramada and Rhys Williams, Senior Economists, London Economics: *Can unregulated Professional Business Services markets deliver effective competition?*
2. Elena Salmaso, Senior Economist, Prometeia: *Impact of regulation on digital automation in professional services*
3. Francesco Stolfi, Assistant Professor, Macquarie School of Social Sciences: *Border clashes: the distributive politics of professional liberalisation in Greece, 2010–2018*

14.20 – 14.30

Short break

14.30 – 16.00

### Session 2 - Evidence on the impact of existing regulatory constraints of professional services

**Discussant:** Maria Koumenta, Associate Professor, Queen Mary, University of London

**Chair:** Rosamaria Bitetti, Economics Department, OECD and Luiss University

1. Christopher Decker, Research Fellow in Law and Economics, University of Oxford: *Reform and 'modernisation' of legal services in England and Wales: motivations, measurement and impacts*
2. Robert Mysicka, Partner, Bennett McIntyre Mysicka LLP: *Regulatory Barriers in Canadian Professions*
3. Antonio Capiello, Senior Economist, Italian National Chamber of Notaries: *OECD PMR Indicators for professional services. Are civil law notaries different?*
4. Frank Verboven, Professor of Economics, University of Leuven: *Private Monopoly and Restricted Entry. Evidence from the Notary Profession*
5. European Centre for Liberal Professions of the University of Cologne: *The European architectural sector*

12.30 – 13.10	<p><b>Session 3 - Challenges and lessons learned from reform initiatives – experiences of international organisations</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Cristiana Vitale, Senior Economist, Economics Department, OECD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manol Bengyuzov, Policy Officer, Unit on Skills, Services, Professions, Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission: <i>The EU perspective: fostering competition in professional services</i></li> <li>2. Maciej Drozd, Senior Economist, Finance, Competitiveness &amp; Innovation Global Practice, World Bank: <i>Are all restrictions equally important for competition? Lessons from the review of occupational regulation in Croatia</i></li> <li>3. Ania Thiemann, Competition Expert, Competition Division, OECD: <i>OECD experiences in assessing competition barriers in regulated professions in Iceland and Portugal</i></li> </ol>
13.10 – 13.15	<p><b>Short break</b></p>
13.15 - 14.20	<p><b>Session 4 - Challenges and lessons learned from reforms – experiences of competition authorities</b></p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Christopher Decker, Research Fellow in Law and Economics, University of Oxford</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ania Thiemann, Competition Expert, Competition Division, OECD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sonia Moura, Senior legal advisor, Portuguese Competition Authority (AdC): <i>Liberalisation of regulated professions in Portugal</i></li> <li>2. Lucile Fournereau, Deputy head of the service for regulated professions, French Competition Authority (AdC): <i>Reform of the regulation of notaries in France and its impact</i></li> <li>3. Karabo Motaung, Senior analyst, Competition Commission of South Africa: <i>Competition Interventions in the Architectural Profession</i></li> <li>4. Dutch Competition Authority (ACM), (tbc): <i>Reform of the regulation of notaries in the Netherlands and its impact</i></li> <li>5. Šarūnas Keserauskas, Chairman, Lithuanian Competition Council: <i>Pricing regulation of notarial services in Lithuania</i></li> <li>6. Horváth Gábor, Head of Unit, Competitiveness Department, Hungarian Ministry of Finance, Hungary: <i>Future reform of regulated professions in Hungary</i></li> </ol>
14.20 – 14.30	<p><b>Short break</b></p>
14.30 – 14.50	<p><b>Keynote speech:</b> Morris Kleiner, Professor in Labour Policy, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, <i>The welfare impact of occupational licensing</i></p>
14.50 – 15.35	<p><b>Session 5 - Ongoing reforms in the legal profession in the England and Wales: focus on consumers</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sharon Horwitz, Director, Policy &amp; International, Competition and Markets Authority, UK: <i>Conclusion of recent market study on consumers in markets for legal services</i></li> <li>2. Steve Brooker, Head, Policy Development and Research, Legal Services Board: <i>Assessment of impact of current and upcoming reforms in England and Wales</i></li> <li>3. Dakshina Chandra, Fellow, Regulatory Governance, National Law School of India University, Bangalore: <i>Evaluating Recent Efforts and Missed Opportunities Towards Competitive Legal Services in India</i></li> </ol>
15.35 – 15.45	<p><b>Concluding remarks:</b> Antonio Gomes, Deputy Director, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD</p>