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DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR INTERNAL POLICIES

POLICY DEPARTMENT A: ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC POLICIES

WORKSHOP Competition Policy: Delivering for Consumers

- Programme -

Tuesday, 14 July 2015, 9.00 to 10.30 hrs., European Parliament, Brussels Room ASP 5E2; DE/EN/FR interpretation; the event is public and will be web-streamed

9.00 - 9.05 hrs.	Welcome and Introduction: Markus FERBER, ECON Vice-Chair and Chair of the ECON Working Group on Competition Policy
9.05 - 10.25 hrs.	Introductory statements by expert speakers followed by a discussion with ECON Members
Frédéric JENNY	Professor for Economics, Director of International Relations at ESSEC, Co-Director of the European Center for Law and Economics at ESSEC Business School, Cergy Pontoise, France
Peter FREEMAN	Chairman of the Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT) and member of the Lloyd's Enforcement Appeal Tribunal Panel, London, UK
I sabelle BUSCKE	Head of the Brussels Office of Verbraucherzentrale Bundesverband (the Federation of German Consumer Organisations), Brussels

Possible points/issues to be discussed:

- Which are the core areas where competition policy delivers significant results for consumers?
- In which areas are consumers currently not benefiting from competition policy?
- Did the adoption of the EU Directive 2014/104 on Actions for Damages on 26 November 2014 change the situation for consumers? Did a change of mentality occur?
- Will the various EU activities concerning the digital sector (e.g. announced antitrust inquiry in e-commerce, adoption of the Digital Single Market-package, etc.) lead to a fair share in the resulting benefits in this sector?

10.25 - 10.30 hrs.

Closing remarks by Markus FERBER, ECON Vice-Chair and Chair of the ECON Working

Group on Competition Policy