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The 5th Arab Competition Forum Recommendations and Way Forward

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The 5th Arab Competition Forum- Overview

Theme: Advocacy

Participants: Competition authorities from the region, Academia, UN and international organizations, regional and international experts engaged in competition policy and enforcement.

Topics discussed:

- ❖ Special session. Arab Youth in Competition
- ❖ Session I. The state of competition advocacy in the Arab region and the challenges faced by small and emerging competition authorities
- ❖ Session II. Convergence and cooperation between Arab competition authorities
- ❖ Session III. Competition and industrial policies in the Arab region
- ❖ Session IV. The promotion of competitive neutrality by competition authorities
- ❖ Closing session. Way forward on enhancing competition in the Arab region.

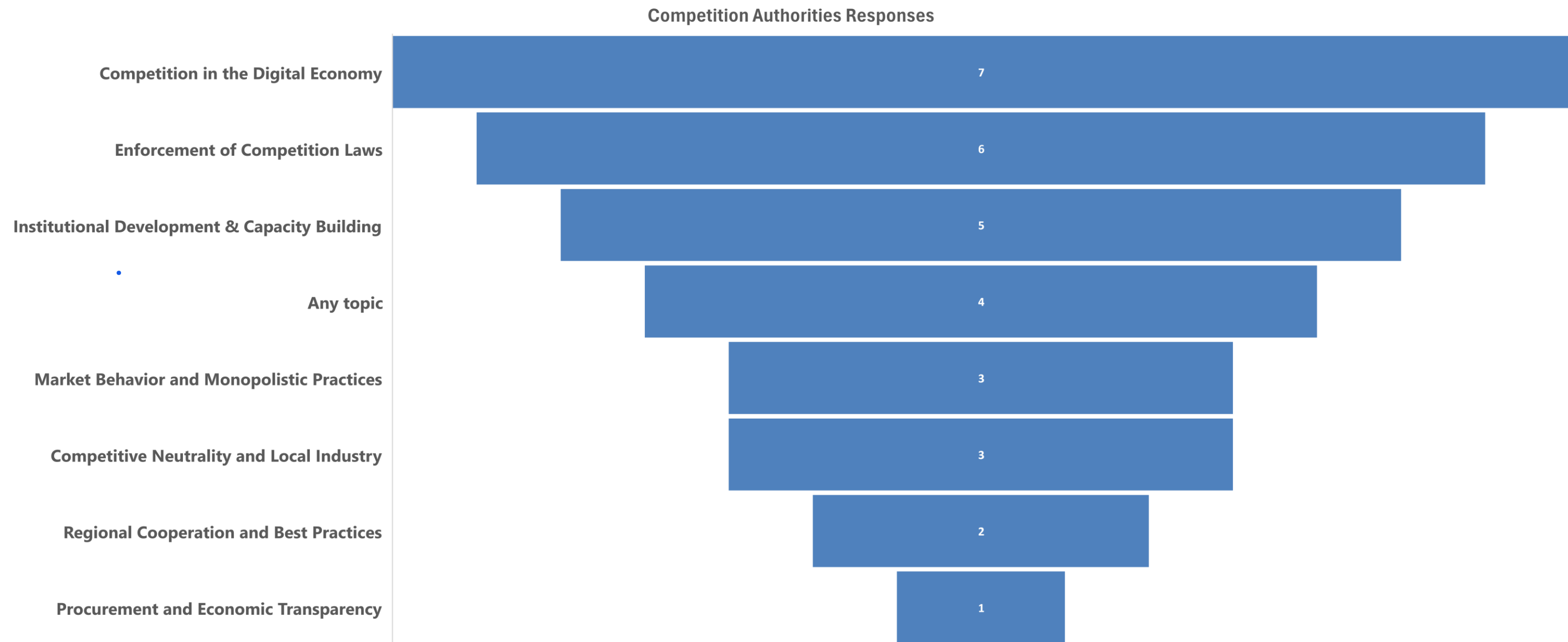
Recommendations of the 5th ACF



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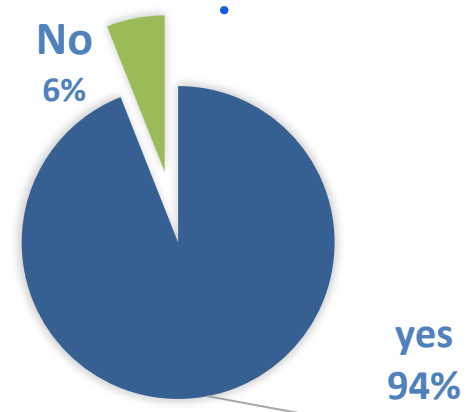
Results of the survey identifying priority topics for the next Arab Competition Forum



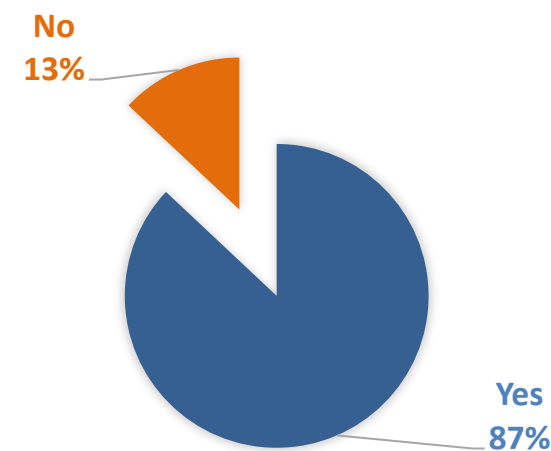
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- Capacity Building:** Strengthen member states' capacities on competition policy through training on topics such as market studies, economic concentration, government tenders, anti-competitive investigations and SME Support.
- Technical Advisory Services:** Provide advisory services focusing mainly on digitization, competition law enforcement, legal protections, competition guides and mergers & acquisitions.
- Research and Publications:** Publish studies on competition policy trends, including AI applications, innovation, cross-border concentrations and competitive neutrality.

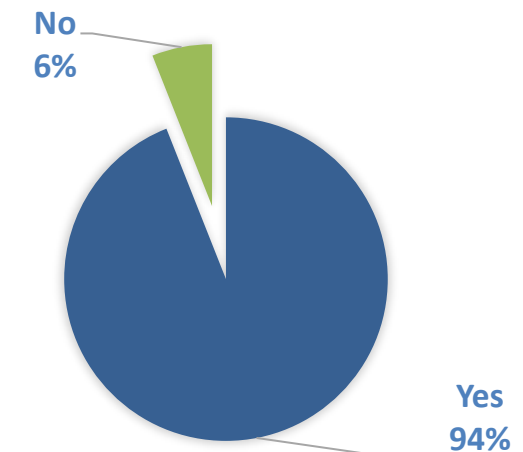
Capacity Building activities



Technical Advisory Services



Research Material

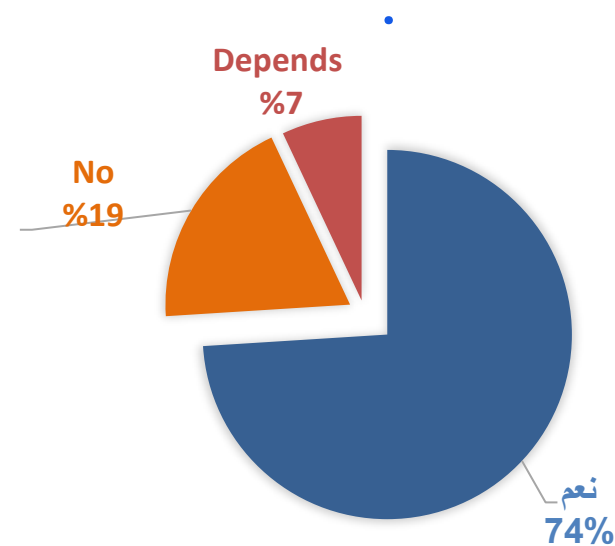


Recommendations of the 5th ACF (Cont.)



- **Institutional Assessment:** Comprehensive assessment by ESCWA of institutional gaps at both the legal and executive levels to ensure Member States' effective compliance with competition regulations.
- **Harmonization of Laws:** Work towards unifying competition laws across the Arab region.
- **Youth Engagement:** Launch initiatives to raise competition awareness among Arab youth through educational programs, workshops, and campaigns.

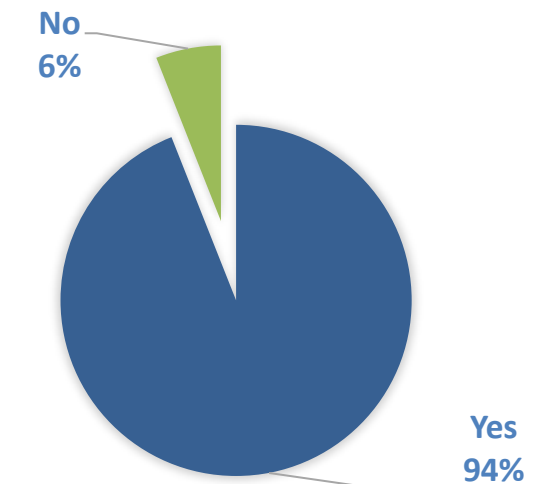
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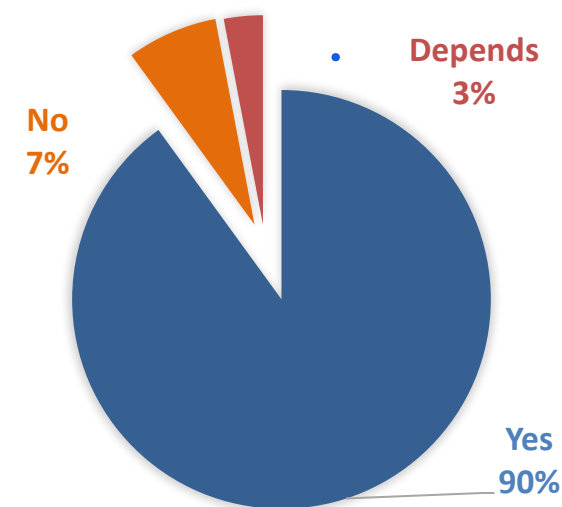


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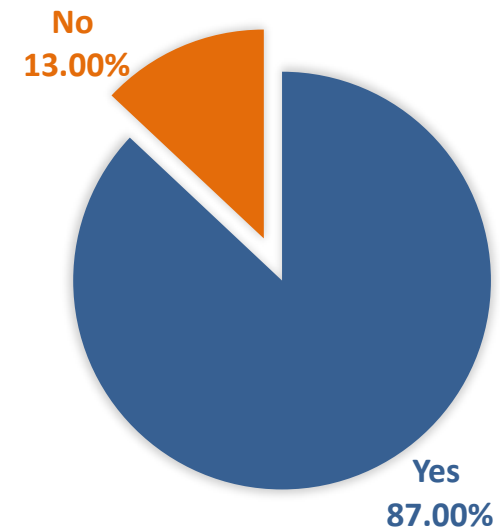


- **Unified Guidelines:** Develop region-wide programs to promote competition culture.
- **Field Visits and Exchanges:** Facilitate field visits and exchange programs to learn from best practices.
- **Database Creation:** Establish a shared platform for decisions and publications from Arab competition authorities.

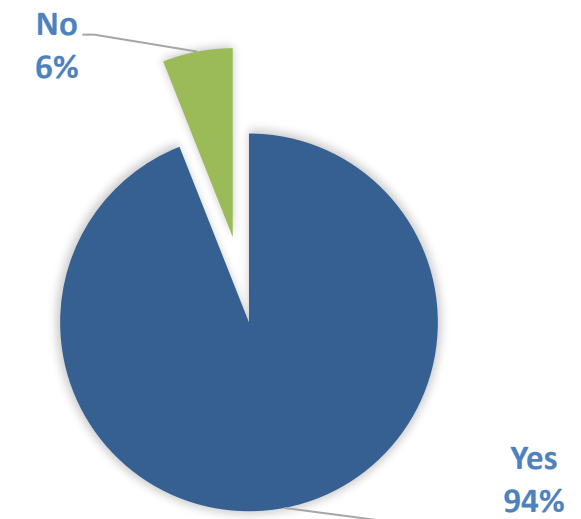
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Sixth Arab Competition Forum

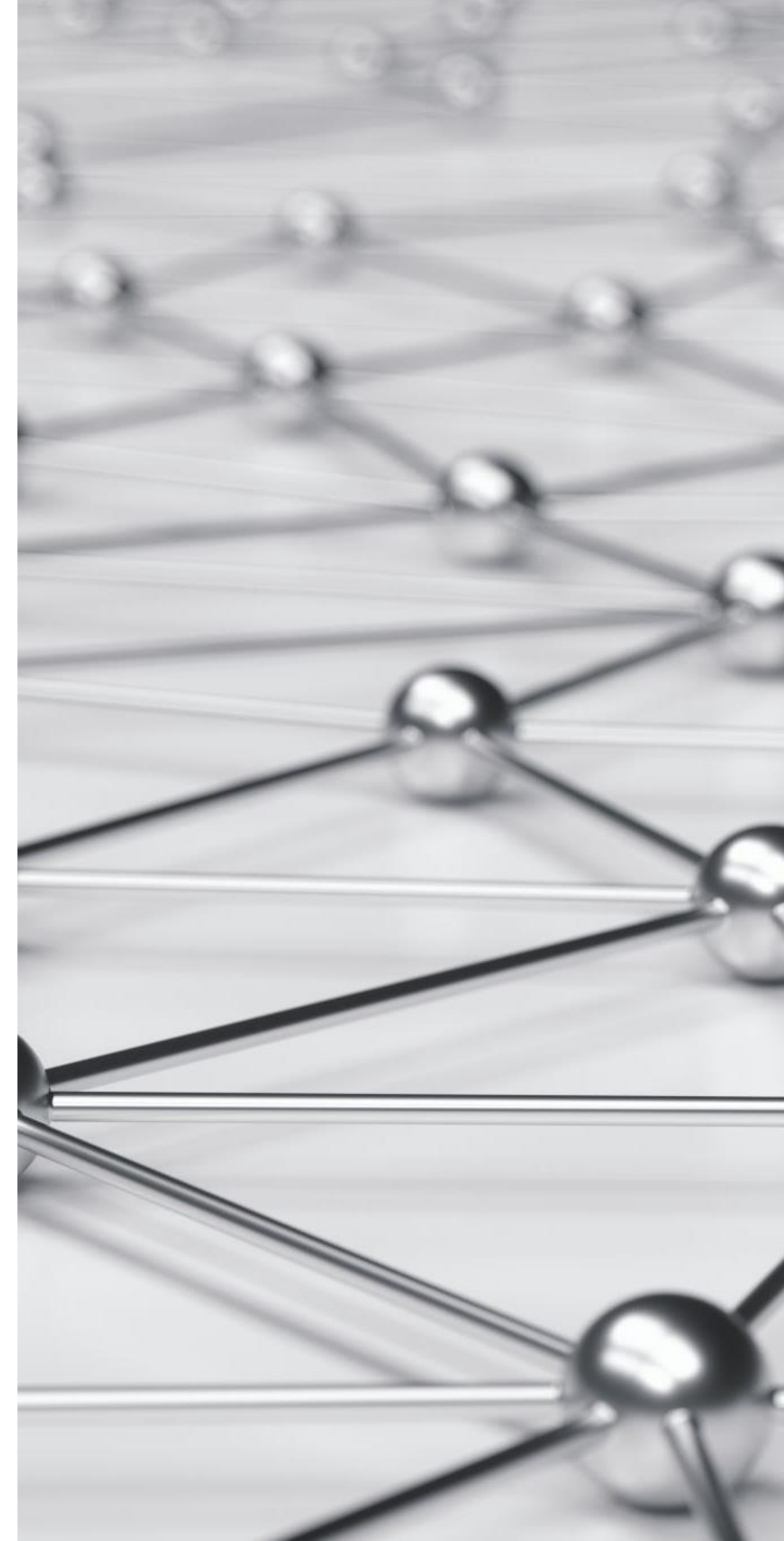
Hosted by the Iraq Competition Council in May 2025.

Objectives of the Sixth Arab Competition Forum:

- Strengthen collaboration and cooperation among Arab countries in competition law and policy.
- Support the alignment and harmonization of competition policies and regulations across Arab countries.
- Contribute to advancing economic growth and improving governance in the Arab region.
- Develop actionable recommendations to improve competition law and policy in the Arab region.



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