

# 1. PALESTINE – COMPETITION

**Expert Group Meeting on**

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## 2. AGENDA TOPICS

1. HISTORY OF COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY
2. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK
3. ADVOCACY and AWARENESS
4. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
5. CAPACITY BUILDING
6. CHALLENGES



## 5. HISTORY (LAW & POLICY)

- First draft of Competition Law in Palestine was in 2003.
- 2010 An Amendments has been done to the competition draft law.
- 2011, Palestine preparations to join WTO as an observer ship member.
- 2012 , Competition draft Law has been submitted to the Ministerial meeting, (Legislative Plan )
- 2013, The competition draft law has entered the first and second reading.

## 6. Institutional framework


- General Directorate within the ministry of National Economy consist of three main departments as follows:
- market studies and policies department
- Complaints and investigations department
- Department of information and communications

## 7. Awareness and Advocacy

- Palestine adopted the open market Policy.
- Palestine signed number of FTA,s, with ( EU, US, EFTA STATES, MERCOSUR, TURKEY, ARAB GREATEST F.T. AREA,... )
- Awareness raising competition workshops and conferences for public and private sector and the other relative institutions.
- Recently the academic institutions start teaching competition for the economic and law students.

## 8. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- 2013 up till now Palestine participating in drafting the Arab united Reference Guideline and Memo of Understanding in Competition between Arab countries under Arab League Umbrella.
- Palestine has participated in the Euromed Program in the subject of competition from 2001 to 2006.
- COMPAL in 2015, as one of the MENA countries.

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- CLDP, funded by USA, support Palestine in adopting competition policy and law.
  - ESCWA, program supporting Palestine in capacity building regarding to competition.

# 9. CAPACITY BUILDING

- competition policy and legislation, EU offers support in this regard.
- The Independency of competition agency.
- Lack of practical experience in the field of competition, technical assistance for the enforcement unit staff, judges, private sector
- since the last competition seminar took place in Palestine, in 27\09\2016, USAID offer support in this regard.



# 10. CHALLENGES

- The Political situation
- Legal environment
- Capacity Building, lack of practical experience as.
- lack of financial resources, Independency of the enforcement unit
- Lack of competition culture.

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