



## **2008 ICN Cartel Workshop, Lisbon How to crack a cartel in three days?**

The Portuguese Competition Authority challenges you to crack a cartel case in three days during the 2008 International Competition Network (ICN) Cartel Workshop. The workshop will take place in Lisbon, from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2008.

The 2008 ICN Cartel Workshop will be the 5<sup>th</sup> annual workshop hosted under ICN auspices and the 9<sup>th</sup> since the first International Cartel Workshop which took place in the United States in 1999.

During the three-day Workshop, discussions will focus on specific phases of the enforcement process, namely detection, investigation and prosecution, allocating one day to each phase. Workshop discussion will cover theoretical and practical approaches to enforcement. Through debate, case presentations and a hypothetical case, participants will have the opportunity to exchange views and analyse concrete enforcement issues.

On Day 1 of the Workshop participants will focus on the beginning of any cartel case: its detection. Participants will look at both proactive and reactive detection tools, including economics and cooperation with domestic and international agencies. On Day 2 participants will discuss the investigative process: the development of an investigation plan and the management of leniency programs. On Day 3, participants will focus on the prosecution of cartel cases, including penalties, negotiated settlements and the interaction between public and private enforcement.

The selected topics complement the Cartel Working Group 2007-08 Work Plan and will develop the work products by Subgroup 1 on setting fines and negotiated settlements as well as the new Anti-Cartel Enforcement Manual Chapters by Subgroup 2 on investigative strategy and interviewing techniques.

There is a general view that the contributions of NGAs in previous workshops were interesting and insightful and that NGAs should continue to play a role in selected sessions of the 2008 ICN Cartel Workshop.