ICN Cartel Working Group Webinar
Assessing Crisis Cartels at times of Covid-19: Lessons learnt from Past Crises

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Crisis cartels
What does economics tell us?

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Other (economic) literature:


The Crisis cartel in the Polish basketball league

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- In relations to COVID-19 pandemic, in March 2020 Polish Basketball League decided to finish earlier the 2019/20 season.
- Clubs issued press statements announcing that they wouldn't pay full amount of the players' salaries for the 2019/2020 season.
Participants in the alleged anticompetitive agreement

- Polish Basketball League (the organizer of professional men's club basketball league in Poland)
- all basketball clubs (16) that has played in the Polish highest division
The subject of the proceedings

- What were the exact arrangements for payment of players' salaries?
- Did Polish Basketball League and clubs engage in price fixing and exchange of information?
All basketball clubs playing in the same league compete for players as employees. Salary is one of the biggest factors for choosing a particular club from all participating in the same league. Better arrangements could influence a player's choice in the next season. The better basketball player hired by the club, the higher chance for the club to get a better rank in the league. The higher rank in the league, the better the club’s position on the market.
Thank you

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