

CUTS HRC Activity Report

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ONGOING PROJECTS

Competition Distortions in Vietnam

The Competition Distortions Dossier is a quarterly newsletter produced by CUTS Hanoi Resource Centre (CUTS HRC) comprising articles and analysis based on reliable published sources. It covers reforms and policies that the Government of Vietnam has put in place during the reporting period. This initiative will not only have an impact on the competitive and consumer protection, but will also deal with specific cases of violations of competition and consumer protection laws and regulations.



During the reporting period, the last issue of the Competition Distortions Dossier of 2017 (English and Vietnamese version) was prepared. The Dossier has been uploaded on the CUTS HRC website and disseminated to the relevant stakeholders.

Regional Inclusive Growth (Diginomics-I)

The Regional Inclusive Growth (Diginomics-I) project will be jointly undertaken by the CUTS Institute for Regulation and Competition (CIRC) and the CUTS Centre for Competition, Investment and Economic Regulation (CCIER), in partnership with CUTS HRC in Vietnam and the Philippines Institute for Development Studies (OIDS), Philippines for a period of 18 months (June 2017-Dec 2018).



Within the framework of this project, three country reports are to be prepared for India, the Philippines and Vietnam respectively by project partner institutions. The studies will highlight the need to strengthen the 'Digital Economy' while focussing on three key actors, Government, Producers and Consumers with deeper emphasis on Consumers. Moreover, best practices across various sectors and geographies, to showcase the benefits to the

consumers associated with digital platforms, will also be highlighted in the studies.

In January 2018, a consumer survey on 'Urban Mobility' in Vietnam has been conducted to examine perceptions of consumers about the use of ride-hailing apps for commuting within urban centres, such as Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. The outcome of the survey would form a part of the country report for Vietnam under the 'Diginomics-I' project.