**RAIL BALTICA BUSINESS NETWORK ESTONIA**
**GUIDELINES**
FOR COMPLIANCE WITH COMPETITION LAW

If you have any questions, please contact the management board of RBBN – info@rbbn.ee

**Rail Baltica Business Netvork Estonia (RBBN) acknowledges and complies with the key PRINCIPLES arising from applicable competition law, including:**

* protection of competition for the benefit of free enterprise;
* preventing and eliminating restriction, elimination and distortion of competition.

**RBBN as a forum (between undertakings)** is connected in two ways with the principles of competition law:

* ***RBBN as an organisation:*** RBBN decisions must not restrict competition;
* ***RBBN as a meeting place / forum:*** interactions are subject to restrictions of competition law.

**PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES: Competition law prohibits all agreements between undertakings, concerted practices and decisions of an association of undertaking, which have an anti-competitive objective or effect, including:**

* direct or indirect fixing of price and other trading conditions for third parties;
* limiting of production, service, product market, technical development or investment ;
* sharing a goods market or source of supply, including restricting access of a third party to the goods market or attempts to exclude him/her from there;
* exchange of information which restricts competition;
* agreeing on the implementation of different conditions for equivalent agreements which put business partners at a competitive disadvantage;
* imposing on third parties a requirement for taking additional obligations for the conclusion of an agreement that are not related to the subject-matter of the agreement.

Consequently, **THE FOLLOWING SHALL NOT BE DISCUSSED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF RBBN:**

* participation in future (public) procurements without a clear need for a joint tender;
* "allocation" of procurement and other contracts / markets / customer relationships, including the submission of "additional" bids;
* pricing (future bids), including coordination of pricing policies (including those that initially seem fair and just);
* exchange of non-public information that is sensitive to competition (in particular forward-looking information that allows for predicting the market behaviour of a particular undertaking);
* a collective boycott of third parties or other (unfavorable) restrictions on them.

**At RBBN meetings:**

* we keep minutes of substantive discussions and keep those discussions within the framework of the RBBN objectives;
* we ensure that the exchange of information and documents between members takes into account the above.