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Guidelines concerning the limits of competition law in the exchange of information between competitors

Part of ECA's corporate members compete with each other. During the critical period in the education sector, new competitive relationships may be formed during ECA's project.

The Coordinator for Open Source Technology is responsible for ensuring that ECA's corporate members are aware of the limitations of the EU's competition law provisions concerning the exchange of information. The competition law requires companies to operate independently on the market. The exchange of commercially-sensitive information between competitors is prohibited.

The corporate members of ECA's project are not allowed to discuss or exchange information, even indirectly, on the following matters:

- price information;
- extent or time of price changes;
- discount practices and sales terms;
- discounts' price and other terms; production and capacity information,
- market share information;
- new investments or product researches; or
- market entry or withdrawal.