EUROPEAN COMPETITION DAY IN DUBLIN

Thursday April 29 2004, Dublin Castle, Dublin Ireland

The European Competition Day will emphasise the benefits to consumers from competition. In particular the discussion will focus on:

— how competition, in both the traded and the non-traded sector, contributes to productivity and growth, and

— the importance of regulation in facilitating (or constraining) the benefits to consumers from competition.

Both of these themes are of particular relevance to current and soon-to-be members of the European Union.

Speakers will include:

Mary Harney, An Tanaiste TD, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Enterprise Trade and Employment

Mario Monti, EU Commissioner Competition Policy

Christa Randzio-Plath, Chairperson, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Parliament

Robert Gordon, Northwestern University

Philip Lowe, Director-General, DG Competition, European Commission

John Fitzgerald, Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), Ireland

Tim Muris, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, USA

Giuliano Amato, former Italian Prime Minister, former Head of Italian Competition Authority and current Member of the Italian Senate

Jim Murray, Director, European Bureau of Consumer Organisations (BEUC)

John Kay, Financial Times

John Fingleton, Chairman, Irish Competition Authority.

During February 2004 the Competition Authority intends posting more detailed information about the Competition Day on its website, www.tca.ie, and also on the Presidency website, www.eu2004.ie. In the interim, information (e.g. about registration) can be obtained by contacting Sandra Rafferty on conference@entemp.ie