

Cofece presents commemorative book for its 10th anniversary and 30 years of the Federal Economic Competition Law

- *The publication reviews the past, assesses the present and contributes to reflect on the direction of the new phase of competition policy in Mexico.*

México City, January 24, 2024.-The Federal Economic Competition Commission (Cofece or Commission) presented the book *“La política de Competencia Económica en México: Retrospectiva, Balances y Retos”* [*Economic competition policy in Mexico: Retrospective, Balances and Challenges*], prepared in the context of the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the creation of Cofece as an autonomous constitutional body and the 30th anniversary of the entry into force of the first Federal Economic Competition Law (LFCE by its initials in Spanish).

This commemorative book presents the opinions and analysis of various actors that allow for a plurality of views on the institutional design of the Commission and the implementation of the competition law, as well as the reforms that have accompanied it for three decades. After a review of the past and an assessment of the present, the publication contributes to rethinking the direction in which competition policy should advance for the benefit of the population, regional development, and productive activities in the country.

Economic competition policy contributes directly to other public policies and its impact goes beyond the proper functioning of markets; it is a tool that allows boosting the economy and benefiting the population; this book provides an account of this thanks to the contributions of the president of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography, Graciela Márquez Colín; Teresa Bracho González, President of the National Institute for the Evaluation of Education; Rogelio Ramírez de la O, Secretary of Finance; David Colmenares Páramo, Superior Auditor of the Federation; Omar Mejía Castelazo, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Mexico; and Ángel Trinidad Zaldívar, General Director of Programming, Budget and Finance of the Senate.

To present the book, Chair Andrea Marván, gave an introduction of its contents, followed by a presentation by the Assistant Attorney General of the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice, entitled *“Cofece and Competition Policy from an International Perspective”*. This was followed by a panel with the participation of Alejandra Palacios and Rodrigo Alcázar, former chair and commissioner of Cofece respectively; Juan Carlos Moreno-Brid, professor at the Faculty of Economics of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM by its initials in Spanish), and Pedro Salazar Ugarte, senior researcher at the Institute for Judicial Research of the UNAM.

The results obtained at the end of this first decade as an autonomous constitutional body reaffirm the specialization and commitment of the Commission to obtain the greatest benefits for Mexican society and thus contribute to a more fair and inclusive economy.

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Through its work, it seeks better conditions for consumers, that more services are supplied with higher quality, and that there is a “level playing field” for companies.