



The Competition Authority

An tÚdarás Iomaíochta

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Cartel Detection

Toolbox of detection techniques

- Outreach and education;
- Liaison with public agencies, departments and law enforcement;
- Immunity applicants, complainants, whistleblowers;
- Monitoring activities, intelligence gathering and case analysis.



Outreach and Education

Public Procurement and Collusive Tendering

- **Public Procurement Guidelines – “Suspected collusion should be brought to the attention of the Competition Authority.”**
- **Bid rigging “Road Show” – Forty departments, agencies and local authorities have participated.**
- **Regular consultation between Competition Authority and the National Public Procurement Policy Unit.**
- **Representation of the Government Construction Contracts Committee.**



Outreach and Education

Trade Associations

- Thirty-three criminal cartel convictions of businesses and individuals to date in Ireland were formed and facilitated within trade associations;
- Training to trade associations and their professional managers – annual training to Irish Business and Employer Confederation (IBEC);
- Guidance Notice on *Activities of Trade Associations and Compliance with Competition Law* – www.tca.ie;
- Informal discussions and advocacy to trade associations.



Liaison with law enforcement

An Garda Síochána – Irish National Police

- Member of the Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigations seconded to the Competition Authority.
- Training and outreach between agencies.
- Allegations which implicate other criminal offences in Ireland may be referred or investigated in parallel.
- Development of procedures and techniques for uncovering cartels within context of Irish criminal law and procedures.



Public Information Booklets



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