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SECTOR:

PROFESSIONS

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Professions

Jurisdiction:	Spain											
Market:	Professional Associations						Rang	ge of Possibl	e Outcomes			
End Date:	April, 2012	ment	ent	_			Action	nges	ge	or ent	ties	
Duration:	1 year	nforce	orcem	ucation	ation	iness	iness /	tions to	tions to o Chan ure	endations for to Government	ird Paı	Found
Source of idea for study:	Transposition of the EU Services Directive and its impact on the Professional Associations market	Competition Enforcement		Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Governme Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Outcome (tick	relevant columns):					√	V	√	√	√		
Reason for stu- problems)?	dy (what were the	 The Statutes, Codes of Conduct, as well as other internal rules, of the Professional Associations include factors that limit the effective competition in the market. The rules governing the Professional Associations are heterogeneous among the regions and not fully in line with the rules at national level Compulsory association has been identified as a significant restriction to 									1	
Link to report:		effective competition. http://www.cnmc.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes y Estudios Secto iales/2012/Informe%20Colegios%20Profesionales%20tras%20Directiva%20de %20Servicios.pdf										

Jurisdiction:	Croatia											
Market:	Accounting services in Croatia						Rang	ge of Possible	e Outcomes			
End Date:	29 March 2010	ment	ent				Action	ıges	ge	or ent	Parties	
Duration:	6 months	Enforce	Enforcement	Education	Education	siness	Business A	itions to for Changes	itions to to Chang ture	dations for Government	Third Par	Found
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Jurisdiction: Market:	Croatia Public relations services in Croatia	Range of Possible Outcomes											
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Link to report:													

Jurisdiction:	Poland											
Market:	Chimney sweep services						Ran	ge of Possibl	e Outcomes			
End Date:	February 2010	ment	ent	_			Action	ns to Changes	ge	for ment	Parties	
Duration:	6 months	Inforce	Enforcement	Education	cation	Business e	Business /	tions to	tions to to Chang	dations for Government	Third Pa	Found
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Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Poland											
Market:	Entry barriers for technical professions						Rang	ge of Possible	Outcomes			
End Date:	2010	ment	ent	_			Action	ns to Changes	to nge	for ment	Parties	
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Source of idea for study:	UOKiK's earlier market study (legal professions)	Competition	Consumer En	Consumer Ec	Business Edu	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Bu	Recommendations Government for Ch in the Law	Recommendations Government to Cha Market Structure	Recommendations Changes to Govern Policy	Referral to T	No Problems
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Ireland											
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Jurisdiction:	Italy											
Market:	Professional services						Ran	ge of Possibl	e Outcomes			
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Duration:	24 months	nforce	orceme	r Education	ation	iness	iness A	tions to or Chan	tions to o Chang ure	tions fo vernme	ird Par	ound
Source of idea for study:	Liberalization of professional services introduced with Law n. 248/06	Competition Enforcement		Consumer Ed	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
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Link to report	:	http://www.agcm.it/en/newsroom/press-releases/1690-fact-finding-investigation-of-professional-orders.html										

Jurisdiction: Market:	Spain Professional						Rang	ge of Possibl	e Outcomes			
	Services				,						·•	
End Date:	October 2008					iance		n the	rket	nges		
Duration:	30 months	ement	nent	on		Compl	Action	to anges i	to nge Ma	for Cha icy	arties	
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative Study: Report on the Regulation of Professional Services Professional Bodies/Associations	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
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Link to report		bodies/associations. http://www.cnmc.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes y Estudios Sectiales/2008/colegios.pdf						Sector_				

Jurisdiction:	Ireland											
Market:	Veterinary Services						Range	of Possibl	e Outcome	S		
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Jurisdiction:	Poland											
Market:	Entry barriers for Legal Professions						Ran	ge of Possibl	e Outcomes	.,		
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Link to report	•	http://uokik.gov.pl/pl/ochrona konkurencji/analiza rynkow/#pytanie16 (see: Raport z badania opłat w samorządach zawodów prawniczych)										

Jurisdiction:	Croatia											
Market:	Audit Services						Ran	ge of Possible	e Outcomes			
End Date:	July 2007	ment	ent	_			Action	ns to Changes	ge	or ent	rties	
Duration:	5 months	Enforcement	Enforcement	Education	Education	Business e	Business .	ations to for Chan	ations to to Change ture	dations for Government	Third Parties	Found
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Jurisdiction:	Portugal											
Market:	Notaries				,		Ran	ge of Possible	e Outcomes			
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Source of idea for study:	Public and legislative debate regarding liberalization of the notary profession.	Competition Enforcement	Consumer En	Consumer Ec	Business Edu	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Bu	Recommendations Government for Ch in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Governmel Policy	Referral to T	No Problems
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Jurisdiction:	Ireland											
Market:	Solicitors and Barristers				¥		Range	of Possibl	e Outcome	S		•
End Date:	2006		ment	ment		S	Voluntary Business Action	to ,	ons to Change re	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Third	-
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Source of idea for study:	The Competition Authority carried out a series of studies on Competition in Professional Services in Ireland	Competition	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer E							Referral to T Parties	No Problems
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Jurisdiction:	Ireland											
Market:	Optometrists						Range	of Possib	le Outcome	S		
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Duration:			Enforcement	Education	Education	usiness		ations for the Law	nendations to nent to Chang Structure	lations for Government	Third	Found
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Jurisdiction:	Ireland											
Market:	Architects]	Range	of Possibl	e Outcome	S		•
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Link to repor	't:	http://www.ccpc.ie/study-architectural-profession										

Jurisdiction:	Estonia											
Market:	Liberal Professions						Rang	ge of Possible	e Outcomes			
End Date:	End of 2005	nt					no	s in		dations for Government	Third Parties	
Duration:	2005	rceme	ement	tion	on	SSS	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes the Law	ns to hange			pu
Source of idea for study:	The basis of the research was that a similar market study was conducted by the European Commission	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance			Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Governmel Policy	Referral to Third	No Problems Found
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Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Norway													
Market:	Liberal professions		Range of Possible Outcomes											
End Date:	2005	ment	ent				Voluntary Business Action	ıges	e e e	dations for Government	Referral to Third Parties			
Duration:	4 months	Enforce	Enforcement	Education	cation	siness		Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	tions to to Chang			Found		
Source of idea for study:	OCED Report	Competition Enforcement	Consumer En	Consumer Ed	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance			Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Governme Policy		No Problems		
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Link to report:														



Jurisdiction:	Slovak Republic													
Market:	Professional Services		Range of Possible Outcomes											
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