



**ADVOCACY WORKING GROUP**  
**MARKET STUDIES PROJECT**

**MARKET STUDIES INFORMATION STORE**

**SECTOR:**

**PROFESSIONS**

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**Professions**

<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Spain	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>Market:</b>	Professional Associations											
<b>End Date:</b>	April, 2012	<b>Competition Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Education</b> <b>Business Education</b> <b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b> <b>Voluntary Business Action</b> <b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b> <b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b> <b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b> <b>Referral to Third Parties</b> <b>No Problems Found</b>										
<b>Duration:</b>	1 year											
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	Transposition of the EU Services Directive and its impact on the Professional Associations market											
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>The rules governing the Professional Associations are heterogeneous among the regions and not fully in line with the rules at national level</li> <li>Compulsory association has been identified as a significant restriction to effective competition.</li> </ul>										
<b>Link to report:</b>		<a href="http://www.cnm.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes_y_Estudios_Sectoriales/2012/Informe%20Colegios%20Profesionales%20tras%20Directiva%20de%20Servicios.pdf">http://www.cnm.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes_y_Estudios_Sectoriales/2012/Informe%20Colegios%20Profesionales%20tras%20Directiva%20de%20Servicios.pdf</a>										

<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Croatia	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>Market:</b>	Accounting services in Croatia											
<b>End Date:</b>	29 March 2010	<b>Competition Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Education</b> <b>Business Education</b> <b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b> <b>Voluntary Business Action</b> <b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b> <b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b> <b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b> <b>Referral to Third Parties</b> <b>No Problems Found</b>										
<b>Duration:</b>	6 months											
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	Own initiative											
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>		To get information on possible cartel agreement on the market (price cartel).										
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<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Croatia	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>Market:</b>	Public relations services in Croatia											
<b>End Date:</b>		Competition Enforcement	Consumer 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 Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
<b>Duration:</b>												
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	Own initiative											
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	To investigate the suspected cartel on the PR services market in Croatia.											
<b>Link to report:</b>												

<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Poland	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>Market:</b>	Chimney sweep services											
<b>End Date:</b>	February 2010	Competition Enforcement	Consumer 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 Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
<b>Duration:</b>	6 months											
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	In-house work											
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	Analysis of the market, including its structure and level of concentration.											
<b>Link to report:</b>												

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Poland	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>									
<b>Market:</b>	Entry barriers for technical professions										
<b>End Date:</b>	2010	<b>Competition Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Education</b> <b>Business Education</b> <b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b> <b>Voluntary Business Action</b> <b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b> <b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b> <b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b> <b>Referral to Third Parties</b> <b>No Problems Found</b>									
<b>Duration:</b>											
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	UOKiK's earlier market study (legal professions)										
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	Analysis of restrictions on entry and professional conduct.										
<b>Link to report:</b>											

<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Ireland	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>									
<b>Market:</b>	General Medical Practitioner Services										
<b>End Date:</b>	Published 2010	<b>Competition Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Education</b> <b>Business Education</b> <b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b> <b>Voluntary Business Action</b> <b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b> <b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b> <b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b> <b>Referral to Third Parties</b> <b>No Problems Found</b>									
<b>Duration:</b>											
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	The Competition Authority (now the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission) carried out a series of studies on Competition in Professional Services in Ireland. The studies covered eight professions in the construction, legal and medical sectors.										
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	The Competition Authority and Consumer Protection Commission is using these studies to: (a) examine regulations and practices that potentially restrict competition (b) have anti-competitive restrictions abolished or replaced; (c) identify behaviour which, although not necessarily breaching competition law, nevertheless inhibits competition.										
<b>Link to report:</b>	<a href="http://www.cpc.ie/report-general-medical-practitioners">http://www.cpc.ie/report-general-medical-practitioners</a>										

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Italy	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>Market:</b>	Professional services											
<b>End Date:</b>	January 2009	<b>Competition Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Education</b> <b>Business Education</b> <b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b> <b>Voluntary Business Action</b> <b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b> <b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b> <b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b> <b>Referral to Third Parties</b> <b>No Problems Found</b>										
<b>Duration:</b>	24 months		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	Liberalization of professional services introduced with Law n. 248/06											
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	The liberalization of professional services (Fees and advertising), introduced with Law n. 248/06, required professional bodies to update their codes of conduct introducing the changes. The purpose of the study was to assess whether all restrictions on competition had been eliminated by the codes of conduct.											
<b>Link to report:</b>	<a href="http://www.agcm.it/en/newsroom/press-releases/1690-fact-finding-investigation-of-professional-orders.html">http://www.agcm.it/en/newsroom/press-releases/1690-fact-finding-investigation-of-professional-orders.html</a>											

<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Spain	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>Market:</b>	Professional Services											
<b>End Date:</b>	October 2008	<b>Competition Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Education</b> <b>Business Education</b> <b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b> <b>Voluntary Business Action</b> <b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b> <b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b> <b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b> <b>Referral to Third Parties</b> <b>No Problems Found</b>										
<b>Duration:</b>	30 months		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	Own initiative  <u>Study:</u> Report on the Regulation of Professional Services Professional Bodies/Associations											
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	The Spanish government announced a reform of the regulatory framework of the professional services' sector with the aim, inter alia, of removing restrictions on competition that do not serve the public interest and of modernising professional bodies/associations.											
<b>Link to report:</b>	<a href="http://www.cnmec.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes_y_Estudios_Sectoriales/2008/colegios.pdf">http://www.cnmec.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes_y_Estudios_Sectoriales/2008/colegios.pdf</a>											

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	<b>Ireland</b>												
<b>Market:</b>	<b>Veterinary Services</b>	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>											
<b>End Date:</b>	2008	<b>Competition Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Education</b> <b>Business Education</b> <b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b> <b>Voluntary Business Action</b> <b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b> <b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b> <b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b> <b>Referral to Third Parties</b> <b>No Problems Found</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Duration:</b>													
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	The Competition Authority carried out a series of studies in a major study on Competition in Professional Services in Ireland												
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	<p>The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission is using these studies to:</p> <p>(a) examine regulations and practices that potentially restrict competition</p> <p>(b) have anti-competitive restrictions abolished or replaced;</p> <p>(c) identify behaviour which, although not necessarily breaching competition law, nevertheless inhibits competition.</p>												
<b>Link to report:</b>	<a href="http://www.cpc.ie/competition-veterinary-profession">http://www.cpc.ie/competition-veterinary-profession</a>												

<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	<b>Poland</b>												
<b>Market:</b>	<b>Entry barriers for Legal Professions</b>	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>											
<b>End Date:</b>	2008	<b>Competition Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Education</b> <b>Business Education</b> <b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b> <b>Voluntary Business Action</b> <b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b> <b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b> <b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b> <b>Referral to Third Parties</b> <b>No Problems Found</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Duration:</b>													
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>													
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<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	Legislative changes affecting market regulation.												
<b>Link to report:</b>	<a href="http://uokik.gov.pl/pl/ochrona_konkurencji/analiza_rynkow/#pytanie16">http://uokik.gov.pl/pl/ochrona konkurencji/analiza_rynkow/#pytanie16</a> (see: Raport z badania opłat w samorządach zawodów prawniczych)												

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Croatia											
<b>Market:</b>	Audit Services	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>End Date:</b>	July 2007	Competition Enforcement	Consumer 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 Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
<b>Duration:</b>	5 months											
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	Own initiative											
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	The review of the Tariffs for audit services.											
<b>Link to report:</b>												

<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Portugal											
<b>Market:</b>	Notaries	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>End Date:</b>	2007	Competition Enforcement	Consumer 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 Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
<b>Duration:</b>	2 years											
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	Public and legislative debate regarding liberalization of the notary profession.											
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<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	Analysis began after the profession was privatized in 2004. It was observed that there were strict restrictions on access to and practice of notary services.											
<b>Link to report:</b>												

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	<b>Ireland</b>											
<b>Market:</b>	<b>Dentists</b>	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>End Date:</b>	2007	<b>Competition</b> <b>Consumer Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Education</b> <b>Business Education</b> <b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b> <b>Voluntary Business Action</b> <b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b> <b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b> <b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b> <b>Referral to Third Parties</b> <b>No Problems Found</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Duration:</b>												
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	The Competition Authority carried out a series of studies on Competition in Professional Services in Ireland											
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	<p>The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission is using these studies to:</p> <p>(a) examine regulations and practices that potentially restrict competition</p> <p>(b) have anti-competitive restrictions abolished or replaced;</p> <p>(c) identify behaviour which, although not necessarily breaching competition law, nevertheless inhibits competition.</p>											
<b>Link to report:</b>	<a href="http://www.cpc.ie/study-dental-profession">http://www.cpc.ie/study-dental-profession</a>											

<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	<b>Ireland</b>											
<b>Market:</b>	<b>Solicitors and Barristers</b>	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>End Date:</b>	2006	<b>Competition</b> <b>Consumer Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Education</b> <b>Business Education</b> <b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b> <b>Voluntary Business Action</b> <b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b> <b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b> <b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b> <b>Referral to Third Parties</b> <b>No Problems Found</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Duration:</b>												
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	The Competition Authority carried out a series of studies on Competition in Professional Services in Ireland											
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<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	<p>The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission is using these studies to:</p> <p>(a) examine regulations and practices that potentially restrict competition</p> <p>(b) have anti-competitive restrictions abolished or replaced;</p> <p>(c) identify behaviour which, although not necessarily breaching competition law, nevertheless inhibits competition.</p>											
<b>Link to report:</b>	<a href="http://www.cpc.ie/study-legal-professions">http://www.cpc.ie/study-legal-professions</a>											



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<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	<b>Ireland</b>	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>Market:</b>	<b>Optometrists</b>											
<b>End Date:</b>	2006	<b>Competition</b>	<b>Consumer Enforcement</b>	<b>Consumer Education</b>	<b>Business Education</b>	<b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b>	<b>Voluntary Business Action</b>	<b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b>	<b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b>	<b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b>	<b>Referral to Third Parties</b>	<b>No Problems Found</b>
<b>Duration:</b>												
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	The Competition Authority carried out a series of studies on Competition in Professional Services in Ireland											
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	<p>The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission is using these studies to:</p> <p>(a) examine regulations and practices that potentially restrict competition</p> <p>(b) have anti-competitive restrictions abolished or replaced;</p> <p>(c) identify behaviour which, although not necessarily breaching competition law, nevertheless inhibits competition.</p>											
<b>Link to report:</b>	<a href="http://www.cpc.ie/study-optometry-profession">http://www.cpc.ie/study-optometry-profession</a>											

<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	<b>Ireland</b>	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>Market:</b>	<b>Architects</b>											
<b>End Date:</b>	2006	<b>Competition</b>	<b>Consumer Enforcement</b>	<b>Consumer Education</b>	<b>Business Education</b>	<b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b>	<b>Voluntary Business Action</b>	<b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b>	<b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b>	<b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b>	<b>Referral to Third Parties</b>	<b>No Problems Found</b>
<b>Duration:</b>												
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	The Competition Authority carried out a series of studies on Competition in Professional Services in Ireland											
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<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	<p>The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission is using these studies to:</p> <p>(a) examine regulations and practices that potentially restrict competition</p> <p>(b) have anti-competitive restrictions abolished or replaced;</p> <p>(c) identify behaviour which, although not necessarily breaching competition law, nevertheless inhibits competition.</p>											
<b>Link to report:</b>	<a href="http://www.cpc.ie/study-architectural-profession">http://www.cpc.ie/study-architectural-profession</a>											

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<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Estonia	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>									
<b>Market:</b>	Liberal Professions										
<b>End Date:</b>	End of 2005	<b>Competition Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Education</b> <b>Business Education</b> <b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b> <b>Voluntary Business Action</b> <b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b> <b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b> <b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b> <b>Referral to Third Parties</b> <b>No Problems Found</b>									
<b>Duration:</b>	2005										
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	The basis of the research was that a similar market study was conducted by the European Commission										
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	The analysis gave an overview of the operating restrictions for liberal professions established by legislation and relevant comparison data with other EU member states.										
<b>Link to report:</b>											

<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Norway	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>									
<b>Market:</b>	Liberal professions										
<b>End Date:</b>	2005	<b>Competition Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Enforcement</b> <b>Consumer Education</b> <b>Business Education</b> <b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b> <b>Voluntary Business Action</b> <b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b> <b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b> <b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b> <b>Referral to Third Parties</b> <b>No Problems Found</b>									
<b>Duration:</b>	4 months										
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>	OCED Report										
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	<p>OECD report (2004) on the liberal professions. Commission report on competition in liberal professions (2004). Ministry assignment.</p> <p>Analysis of laws and regulations affecting competition in the liberal professions.</p>										
<b>Link to report:</b>											

### Information Store

<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Slovak Republic											
<b>Market:</b>	Professional Services	<b>Range of Possible Outcomes</b>										
<b>End Date:</b>	2005	<b>Competition Enforcement</b>	<b>Consumer Enforcement</b>	<b>Consumer Education</b>	<b>Business Education</b>	<b>Voluntary Business Compliance</b>	<b>Voluntary Business Action</b>	<b>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</b>	<b>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</b>	<b>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</b>	<b>Referral to Third Parties</b>	<b>No Problems Found</b>
<b>Duration:</b>												
<b>Source of idea for study:</b>												
<b>Outcome (tick relevant columns):</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for study (what were the problems)?</b>	Office's initiative, since the conclusions of previous investigations as well as complaints indicated inappropriate sector regulation. Study included screening of regulation measures in professional services, their assessment in the view of competition and recommendations to abolish/reassess them.											
<b>Link to report:</b>												