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| Sector: | Energy | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Energy (gas market) | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | April 2015 | 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 |
| Duration: | 12 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Evaluation the situation and the degree of competition in the area of gas supply to final consumers. Updating the sector report on situation in the gas market from 2010 to the present. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.antimon.gov.sk/data/att/368.pdf http://www.antimon.gov.sk/data/att/1672.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Sector: | Financial Services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Bank products | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | April 2014 | 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 |
| Duration: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The European Commission, in its sector investigation into retail banking, identified the Slovak Republic to be one of the countries which almost 100% of tying selected bank products. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.antimon.gov.sk/data/att/1484.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Sector: | Energy | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Energy | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | September 2013 | 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 | <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"/> |
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| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Mainly increasing number of claims from consumers complaining about the possible breach of the Art. 39 ¹ of the Act on Protection of Competition against mainly municipalities. Aim: to map the current status quo of the functioning of this market, to identify problems in the heating sector in the Slovak Republic and outline possible solutions from the perspective of the competition law. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.antimon.gov.sk/data/att/366.pdf http://www.antimon.gov.sk/data/att/365.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Sector: | Transport | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Railway transport services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2011 | 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 | <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"/> |
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| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The liberalization and the changes in the railway market, identification of main competition problems. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.antimon.gov.sk/data/att/367.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

¹ Special type of the infringement. Pursuant to Art. 39 of the Act on Protection of Competition State administration authorities in the exercise of state administration, municipalities and self-governing regions in the exercise of self-governance and transferred state administration, and professional self-governance bodies in the exercise of transferred state administration must not provide evident support giving advantage to certain undertakings or otherwise restrict competition.

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| Sector: | Energy | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Energy | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | April 2009 | 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 |
| Duration: | 12 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Requirement arising from the Act on Regulation of Network Industries obliging us to cooperate in carrying out the Report on Electricity and Gas Market in SR. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sector: | Water Utilities | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Water | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | June 2008 | 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 |
| Duration: | 6 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | It was a requirement by the Slovak Government. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <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"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The Office is obliged by the Resolution of the Slovak Government to carry out the analysis of water sector. The Office performed fast and simplified analysis. There were problems in this sector (including competition problems) causing complications in implementation of Cohesion Fund Projects. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sector: | Financial Services | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Bank Products | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 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 |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The European Commission, in its sector investigation into retail banking, identified the Slovak Republic to be one of the countries where almost all banks tie their selected bank products. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sector: | Professions | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Professional Services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2005 | 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 |
| Duration: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | 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. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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