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EUROPEAN COMMISSION – DG Competition

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Jurisdiction:	European Commission DG Competition											
Sector:	Basic industries											
Market:	Agriculture	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	30/03/2018											
Duration:	1 year	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
Source of idea for study:	Ex officio											
Outcome: (check all relevant boxes)		<input checked="" 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the underlying problems?):	<p>The 'Study on Producer Organisations and their activities in the olive oil, beef and veal and arable crops sectors' aims to deliver an analysis of producer organisations from these three sectors. The analysis is mainly based on a survey conducted for a representative sample of 203 Producer Organisations (POs) and 23 Associations of Producers Organisations (APOs). The sampling of the surveyed organisations builds on an inventory of existing organisations in the then 28 Member States. The study reveals that there are many more non-recognised POs than recognised POs: there are estimated to be over five times as many non-recognised POs as there are recognised POs. The survey results confirm that producer organisations engaged in commercial activities also carry out other potentially "efficiency enhancing activities" (i.e. organisation of quality control, distribution and transport, input procurement, packaging, waste management etc.). The most important perceived benefits for the farmers include (i) market and price stability, (ii) reduced costs and economies of scale, (iii) higher price and ensuring a fair standard of living for the members and (iv) improved market access. The activities of producer organisations are widely perceived by survey respondents as contributing positively to the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) objectives.</p>											
Link to report:	https://ec.europa.eu/competition/publications/reports/kd0218732enn.pdf											
Remarks (if any):												



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Jurisdiction:	European Commission DG Competition											
Sector:	Financial sector											
Market:	Capital markets	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	30/04/2019											
Duration:	2 years	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
Source of idea for study:	Ex officio											
Outcome: (check all relevant boxes)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the underlying problems?):	Loan syndication is an important source of capital in Europe, funding corporate and public financing needs. The aim of this market study is to undertake an assessment of the loan syndication market in terms of its effectiveness and functioning, and to identify potential competition concerns. The study also aims to formulate a methodology for analysing competition dynamics during the lifecycle of the loan.											
Link to report:	https://ec.europa.eu/competition/publications/reports/kd0419330enn.pdf											
Remarks (if any):												

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Sector:	Energy											
Market:	Electricity	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:		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:	Ongoing											
Source of idea for study:												
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>The inquiry will gather information on capacity mechanisms to examine, in particular, whether they ensure sufficient electricity supply without distorting competition or trade in the EU Single Market. It complements the Commission's Energy Union Strategy to create a connected, integrated and secure energy market in Europe. The Commission has sent out questionnaires to selected stakeholders. It aims to publish an interim report for public consultation around the end of the year.</p>											
Link to report:	http://ec.europa.eu/competition/sectors/energy/state_aid_to_secure_electricity_s upply_en.html											

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Sector:	E-Commerce	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Online market											
End Date:		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:	ongoing											
Source of idea for study:	Ex officio											
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>To allow the Commission to gather data on the functioning of e-commerce markets so as to identify possible competition concerns.</p> <p>It will focus particularly on potential barriers erected by companies to cross-border online trade in goods and services where e-commerce is most widespread (e.g. electronics, clothing and shoes), as well as in digital content. It will initially cover all EU Member States.</p>											
Link to report:	http://ec.europa.eu/competition/antitrust/sector_inquiries_e_commerce.html											

Sector:	Health	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	pharmaceuticals											
End Date:	July 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:	1.5 year											
Source of idea for study:	Ex officio											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>Response to indications that competition in Europe's pharmaceuticals markets may not be working well: fewer new medicines were being brought to market, and the entry of generic medicines sometimes seemed to be delayed. The inquiry looks at the reasons for this</p>											
Link to report:	http://ec.europa.eu/competition/sectors/pharmaceuticals/inquiry/index.html											

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Sector:	Financial Services												
Market:	Business insurance	Range of Possible Outcomes											
End Date:	September 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	2.8 year												
Source of idea for study:	Ex officio												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):													
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Objective was to identify factors on all levels of the supply chain that prevented the markets from working as well as they should												
Link to report:	http://ec.europa.eu/competition/sectors/financial_services/inquiries/business.html												

Sector:	Financial Services												
Market:	Retail banking	Range of Possible Outcomes											
End Date:	January 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	1.5 years												
Source of idea for study:	Ex officio												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):													
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The inquiries examined whether competition was working in these markets and whether markets are competitive enough to deliver their full benefits to consumers. The inquiries were complementary to the Commission's parallel initiatives to remove regulatory barriers within the Single Market for financial services. In carrying out the sector inquiries, the Commission worked closely with market participants and Member State authorities.												
Link to report:	http://ec.europa.eu/competition/sectors/financial_services/inquiries/retail.html												

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Sector:	Energy	Range of Possible Outcomes											
Market:	Electricity and gas												
End Date:	January 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											
Duration:	1.5 years												
Source of idea for study:	Ex officio												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The objective was to identify the barriers that impede the development of a fully functioning open and competitive EU-wide energy market that would provide fairer prices for the final consumer, more efficient allocation and use of the resources and supply, more openness for renewable energies and an economically sustainable basis for security of supply												
Link to report:	http://ec.europa.eu/competition/sectors/energy/electricity/electricity_en.html												

Sector:	Media	Range of Possible Outcomes											
Market:	3G												
End Date:	September 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:	1 year and 8 months												
Source of idea for study:	Ex officio												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):			<input checked="" 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To develop a thorough sectoral knowledge, enabling them to identify problems and behaviours common to the various, largely national, retail markets of mobile services in a systematic manner												
Link to report:	http://ec.europa.eu/competition/sectors/media/inquiries/3G_archive.html												

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Sector:	Communications												
Market:	Leased lines	Range of Possible Outcomes											
End Date:	December 2002	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	3 years and 6 months												
Source of idea for study:	Complaints about unfavourable access conditions to networks/ ex officio												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):													
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Unfavourable access conditions to networks for new entrants												
Link to report:	http://ec.europa.eu/competition/sectors/telecommunications/archive/inquiries/leased_lines/index.html												

Sector:	Communications												
Market:	Local loops	Range of Possible Outcomes											
End Date:	March 2002	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	2 years and 9 months												
Source of idea for study:	Ex officio												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):													
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Slow progress in unbundling local loops												
Link to report:	http://ec.europa.eu/competition/sectors/telecommunications/archive/inquiries/local_loop/index.html												

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Sector:	Communications											
Market:	Telecoms roaming	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	December 2000	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:	10 months											
Source of idea for study:	Ex officio											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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"/>											
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Concerns about price rigidity and lack of competitive offers											
Link to report:	http://ec.europa.eu/competition/sectors/telecommunications/archive/inquiries/roaming/index.html											