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ENERGY

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Jurisdiction:	Australia											
Sector:	Energy											
Market:	Retail electricity	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	11 July 2018											
Duration:	1 year											
Source of idea for study:	Government directed	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
Outcome: (check all relevant boxes)		<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the underlying problems?):	<p>Electricity supply & prices inquiry 2017-2018: In 2017, the ACCC held an inquiry into the supply of retail electricity and the competitiveness of retail electricity prices. The inquiry was initiated in response to consumers' concerns about increasing electricity prices. Matters for consideration included identifying the key components of electricity retail pricing and how prices changed over time; the existence of any barriers to entry, expansion and/or exit in retail electricity markets and the existence of, or potential for, anti-competitive behaviour by market participants and the impact of such behaviour on electricity consumers. Recommendations included amending the National Electricity Law to prevent any acquisition or arrangement that would result in a market participant owning or controlling dispatch of more than 20 per cent of generation capacity in the National Electricity Market; the introduction of a mandatory code that would cover third party intermediaries that offers services that involve recommending an electricity offer to a consumer, including comparator services, connection services, brokers, and automated switching services; providing greater powers to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) to address behavior that manipulates the proper functioning of the wholesale market; and retailers should offer consumers a default market offer at or below prices set by the AER.</p>											
Link to report:	https://www.accc.gov.au/system/files/Retail%20Electricity%20Pricing%20Inquiry%E2%80%94Final%20Report%20June%202018_0.pdf											

**Remarks
(if any):**

In February 2019, the Federal Government committed to adopting a number of recommendations made by the ACCC in its Final Report, including the introduction of a 'default' price to replace current 'standing offers' in an effort to ensure consumers were not paying excessive prices and supporting the introduction of a mandatory industry code to assist with retail competition and to improve affordability for consumers.

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Jurisdiction:	Japan Fair Trade Commission											
Sector:	Energy											
Market:	City Gas	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	June 2019											
Duration:	14 months											
Source of idea for study:	Internal competition concern	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
Outcome: (check all relevant boxes)		<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the underlying problems?):	<p>In the past, only the General Gas Utilities (GGUs), which referred to Japan's regional monopoly gas companies, were granted permissions to supply city gas under the Gas Business Act. In 2017, a full liberalization of entries into the gas retail business was realized by the amendment of the Act.</p> <p>However, there were few cases where new gas suppliers came into the market and the GGUs still remained dominant since they vertically integrated their units of retail and wholesale with their gas distribution units which were necessary for new entrants to use to supply city gas.</p> <p>Given the situation, the JFTC has decided to conduct the survey on the city gas market and made some recommendations based on the result from the viewpoint of ensuring new entries into the market and sound competition between the incumbent GGUs and new entrants, which would lead to the interests of gas consumers such as price lowering and improvement of services.</p>											
Link to report:	(Press release and full report in Japanese only) https://www.jftc.go.jp/houdou/pressrelease/2019/jun/190628_gas.html											
Remarks (if any):												

Jurisdiction:	Japan Fair Trade Commission										
Sector:	Energy										
Market:	LNG	Range of Possible Outcomes									
End Date:	June 2017										
Duration:	1 year										
Source of idea for study:	Internal competition concern										
Outcome: (check all relevant boxes)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>
Reason for study (what were the underlying problems?):	<p>In recent years, the following significant changes in the demand and supply of liquefied natural gas (hereinafter, "LNG") are pointed out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tendency to ease supply-demand balance along with restart of nuclear power plants and along with future diversification of energy mix 2. More uncertain prospects Japanese users have in forecasting domestic demand and supply because of full liberalization of electricity and gas retail markets 3. Worldwide increase in demand, including Asia 4. Worldwide increase in supply along with development of unconventional natural gas etc. <p>Because of the above, Japanese users predict excess supply of LNG currently. However, they are concerned that destination restrictions will prevent them from reselling excess LNG inside or outside Japan in future. The Japanese government has decided to promote abolishment of destination restrictions at the Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>Given these changes, the JFTC decided to conduct the survey in order to clarify the problems in perspective of competition policy and the AMA.</p>										
Link to report:	<p>(Summary and excerpt of report in English) https://www.jftc.go.jp/en/pressreleases/yearly-2017/june/170628.html (Press release and full report in Japanese) https://www.jftc.go.jp/houdou/pressrelease/h29/jun/170628_1.html</p>										
Remarks (if any):											



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Jurisdiction:	Sweden											
Sector:	Energy											
Market:	Electricity markets, wholesale & retail	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	Feb 12, 2018	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:	9 months											
Source of idea for study:	Government commissioned inquiry											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	General concerns and monitoring of markets. Important consumer market.											
Link to report:	http://www.konkurrensverket.se/globalassets/publikationer/rappporter/rapport_2018-1.pdf											

Jurisdiction:	UK											
Sector:	Energy											
Market:	Heat Networks	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	23 July 2017											
Duration:	7 months	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:	In-house work											
Outcome: (check all relevant boxes)		<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the underlying problems?):	<p>The CMA identified three key drivers of outcomes for heat network customers in relation to price and quality:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The incentives of property developers, heat network operators and customers of heat networks: Planning requirements can lead to heat networks which are expensive to operate and in turn, lead to customers facing higher prices than alternative heat and hot water solutions. The lack of enforceable technical standards can further compromise the operational efficiency of the network and increase costs for heat network customers. Disengaged consumers may not put pressure on developers to provide a customer-focused heat supply 2. Monopoly supply and delivery models: Heat networks have features of natural monopolies. Customers have no or limited ability to switch to an alternative heating system. Heat networks also require a relatively large capital expenditure to build the infrastructure. 3. Transparency regarding heat networks before moving into a property and during residency: Before moving into a property, consumers are not sufficiently informed regarding the characteristics of heat networks and ongoing costs which may restrict the ability of consumers to make informed decisions and challenge heat network providers regarding the price and quality of their networks. During residency there may be a lack of transparency for customers regarding heat bills. Where bills and charges are not transparent, customers may be less able to challenge suppliers about costs, prices and services – potentially reducing the pressure on suppliers to provide reliable, value-for-money heat 											
Link to report:	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5b55965740f0b6338218d6a4/heat_networks_final_report.pdf											
Remarks (if any):												

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Jurisdiction:	Australia											
Market:	Electricity and gas	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	Ongoing	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:	Yearly since 2007											
Source of idea for study:	Internal											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) provides an overview of Australia's electricity and gas markets in an annual <i>State of the energy market</i> report. It focuses on activity over the preceding 12–18 months in those jurisdictions and areas in which the AER has regulatory responsibilities. The report supplements the AER's extensive technical and compliance reporting on the energy sector and is intended to meet the needs of a wide audience, including government, industry and the broader community.</p>											
Link to report:	<p>https://www.accc.gov.au/publications/state-of-the-energy-market-reports</p>											

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Jurisdiction:	Australia	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Wholesale gas prices in eastern and southern Australia										
End Date:	April 2016	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:	Ministerial Direction										
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<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 problems)?	To explore competition concerns in the upstream gas market (producer, processor, pipeline and wholesale). Depending on findings, enforcement action and recommendations to government may also be outcomes.										
Link to report:	Not yet available. Information pertaining to the market inquiry can be found at http://www.accc.gov.au/regulated-infrastructure/energy/east-coast-gas-inquiry-2015										

Jurisdiction:	EU Commission	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Electricity										
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)?	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.										
Link to report:	http://ec.europa.eu/competition/sectors/energy/state_aid_to_secure_electricity_supply_en.html										

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Jurisdiction:	US - FTC											
Market:	Oil and Natural Gas	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	Periodically updated	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	Various											
Source of idea for study:	FTC experience											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	As part of the FTC's work to maintain competition in the petroleum industry, the FTC has produced series of reports on "Activities in the Oil and Natural Gas Industries." These reports summarize the agency's activities relating to ongoing reviews of mergers, acquisitions and other transactions in the oil and natural gas industries, the investigation of pricing behaviour or any potential anticompetitive actions in these industries, and the resources that the FTC has devoted to such reviews and investigations.											
Link to report:	Go to https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/competition-guidance/industry-guidance/oil-and-gas and click on "Reports".											

Jurisdiction:	Poland											
Market:	Heating	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	August 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	<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"/>
Duration:	10 months											
Source of idea for study:	In-house work											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Market research conducted as part of antitrust proceedings.											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	Slovak Republic	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Energy (gas market)										
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):			<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)?	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										

Jurisdiction:	Spain	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Natural gas supply installation periodic inspection service										
End Date:	March, 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:	1 year										
Source of idea for study:	A clear potential to improve the current periodic inspection system was found (both in terms of more efficient pricing and a more flexible service for users).										
Outcome (tick relevant columns):			<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"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To analyse the current regulation in order to make a series of recommendations, so that the mechanism for periodic inspections of natural gas supply installations achieve maximum economic efficiency and meets its goals for installation safety. The introduction of competitive pressure into the market could improve the conditions of the inspection service for consumers. Existence of asymmetric information between the consumer and the professional. Economic externalities related to the safety of the facilities must be internalized in any new model. 										
Link to report:	http://cnmc.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes_y_Estudios_Sectoriales/2015/20150327_E_CNMC_001_15%20%20Estudio%20Inspecciones%20de%20gas.pdf										

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Jurisdiction:	Turkey	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Wholesale and Retail Sale of Electricity											
End Date:	January 2015	Competition Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consumer Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/>	Consumer Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Business Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary Business Compliance <input type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary Business Action <input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Referral to Third Parties <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Problems Found <input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	20 Months											
Source of idea for study:	Complaints and problems encountered during the liberalization of the electricity market											
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Need for competition policy perspectives during and after the liberalization of the electricity market											
Link to report:	Full Report (In Turkish): http://www.rekabet.gov.tr/File/?path=ROOT%2f1%2fDocuments%2fSekt%C3%B6r+Raporu%2felektriksektor.pdf											

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Jurisdiction:	Bulgaria	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Natural gas										
End Date:	May 2014	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>Competition Enforcement</p> <p>Consumer Enforcement</p> <p>Consumer Education</p> <p>Business Education</p> <p>Voluntary Business Compliance</p> <p>Voluntary Business Action</p> <p>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</p> <p>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</p> <p>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</p> <p>Referral to Third Parties</p> <p>No Problems Found</p> </div> <div style="width: 75%;"> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> </div> </div>									
Duration:	3 years 10 months										
Source of idea for study:	To analyze and evaluate the relevant legal framework and its application in practice; analyze and evaluate the structure and organization of each level of the vertically-integrated market structure for supply of natural gas – production, transmission, distribution and supply.										
Outcome (tick relevant columns):											
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>The purpose of the SI is to analyze and evaluate the relevant legal framework and its application in practice; analyze and evaluate the structure and organization of each level of the vertically-integrated market structure for supply of natural gas – production, transmission, distribution and supply.</p> <p>Result: The conclusion of the SI outlines that on the upstream market there is a problem from a competition policy perspective with the complete dependency</p>										
Link to report:	<p>Decision (in Bulgarian): http://reg.cpc.bg/Decision.aspx?DecID=300040320</p>										

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Jurisdiction:	Canada										
Market:	Propane	Range of Possible Outcomes									
End Date:	April 25, 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	<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"/>
Duration:	February 4, 2014 - April 25, 2014										
Source of idea for study:	Request of the Ministers of Industry and Natural Resources										
Outcome (tick relevant columns):											
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>In the winter of 2013-2014, propane inventories were lower than average and demand was unexpectedly high. Supply tightened and prices increased rapidly.</p> <p>In response, the Ministers of Industry and Natural Resources requested that the Competition Bureau and the National Energy Board work together to review propane market issues.</p>										
Link to report:	<p>Preliminary report: http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/crude-petroleum/15681.</p> <p>Final report: http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/crude-petroleum/15927.</p>										

Jurisdiction:	Italy												
Market:	District heating	Range of Possible Outcomes											
End Date:	March 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	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	29 months												
Source of idea for study:	Complaints about prices and transparency in the contract conditions concerning district heating services.												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):													
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To analyse the district heating service and assess whether its features can raise competitive issues that need an Authority's intervention.												
Link to report:	http://www.agcm.it/indagini-conoscitive-db/download/C12564CE0049D161/763C50A4A6F34653C1257987004D3AA0.html?a=IC46_Chiusura.pdf												

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Jurisdiction:	Slovak Republic											
Market:	Energy	Range of Possible Outcomes										
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"/>
Duration:	12 months											
Source of idea for study:												
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											

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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Jurisdiction:	Bulgaria	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Electricity										
End Date:	July 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	3 years										
Source of idea for study:	Analyze and evaluate the relevant legal framework and its application in practice; analyze and evaluate the structure and organization of each level of the vertically-integrated market structure for supply of electricity- production, transmission, distribution and supply.										
Outcome (tick relevant columns):											
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>The purpose of the SI is to analyze and evaluate the relevant legal framework and its application in practice; analyze and evaluate the structure and organization of each level of the vertically-integrated market structure for supply of electricity- production, transmission, distribution and supply.</p> <p>Result:</p> <p>The conclusion of the SI outlines that the quota principle for supply of electricity for retail supply of electricity at regulated prices creates preconditions for inequality between the market participants. The long-term contracts for purchase of guaranteed quantities of electricity at a predefined price from specific production units have negative effect over the other market participants. The lack of a functioning balancing market presents a great obstacle for the development of effective competition not only on the upstream, but also on the downstream market. The significant concentration of market power in the Bulgarian Energy Holding may have negative influence over the market.</p> <p>There are a number of incompliances with Directive 2009/72/EC, which impede the process of change of supplier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall lack of available information to customers about the possibility to change the supplier of electricity to be granted by the end provider of electricity according to Directive. • There are a number of technical obstacles resulting from the requirement for hourly planning of electricity consumption; • the requirement to present information about the history of electricity consumption as part of the information required in the 										

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Link to report:	process of change of supplier presents another obstacle in the process. Decision (in Bulgarian): http://reg.cpc.bg/Decision.aspx?DecID=300036871
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Jurisdiction:	Estonia											
Market:	Market for oil-shale production	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	March 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	6 months											
Source of idea for study:	Public resources, previous cases											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The ECA analyzed the competitive situation of the oil shale sector and the current arrangement for sharing the oil shale resources											
Link to report:	http://www.konkurentsiamet.ee/public/Aastaraamat/Annual_Report_2013.pdf page 12											

Jurisdiction:	Poland											
Market:	Pellet fuel	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	December 2012	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	4 months											
Source of idea for study:												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Detailed analysis of the market structure and its players.											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	Colombia											
Market:	Electric Energy in Colombia	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	2011 - 2012											
Duration:	One year											
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative in cooperation with UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)	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
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<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"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Perform a study that allows the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce to get deep knowledge of the energy market in Colombia in terms of structure and competition status.											
Link to report:	<p>Part 1: http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/masive/datos/estudios%20economicos/Documentos%20%20elaborados%20por%20la%20Delegatura%20de%20Protecci%C3%B3n%20de%20la%20Competencia/2011/E1.pdf</p> <p>Part 2: http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/masive/datos/estudios%20economicos/Documentos%20%20elaborados%20por%20la%20Delegatura%20de%20Protecci%C3%B3n%20de%20la%20Competencia/2011/E2.pdf</p> <p>Part 3: http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/masive/datos/estudios%20economicos/Documentos%20%20elaborados%20por%20la%20Delegatura%20de%20Protecci%C3%B3n%20de%20la%20Competencia/2012/E3.pdf</p>											

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Jurisdiction:	Japan	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Electricity											
End Date:	September 2012	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:	The cabinet decision: "Policy on Regulatory and Institutional Reform in the Energy Sector"											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>On April 3, 2012, the government adopted the cabinet decision, "Policy on Regulatory and Institutional Reform in the Energy Sector". It requires the JFTC to analyze the current status of competition in the electricity market, and to find solutions from the standpoint of competition policy.</p> <p>The JFTC, in response to the cabinet decision, conducted a study of the electricity market in Japan and made proposals to promote competition in the market.</p>											
Link to report:	<p>(Press release and full report in Japanese) http://www.jftc.go.jp/houdou/pressrelease/h24/sep/120921.html (Press release and full report in English) http://www.jftc.go.jp/en/pressreleases/yearly-2012/sep/individual-000499.html</p>											

Jurisdiction:	Germany	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	District Heating											
End Date:	August 2012	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:	Monopoly position of district heating suppliers within their distribution networks											
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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>Acquisition of in-depth knowledge of the market. Find out what impact the lack of competition between district heating suppliers within a network has on competitive behaviour and market outcome.</p>											
Link to report:	<p>http://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/DE/Sektoruntersuchungen/Sektoruntersuchung%20Fernwaerme%20-%20Abschlussbericht.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=3 (German) http://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/EN/Sektor%20Inquiries/Sektor%20Inquiry%20District%20Heating%20-Final%20Report.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2 (English)</p>											

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Jurisdiction:	Turkey											
Market:	Natural Gas	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	July 2012	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:	2 Years											
Source of idea for study:	Board decision, the liberalization process of energy market and sectoral regulatory decisions.											
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>The Turkish Gas Sector was undergoing a liberalization process and there were some views that the objectives of liberalization have not been achieved. Therefore the study was conducted in order to find the shortcomings of the competition policy particularly in the wholesale market, infrastructure and demand structure. The correct level of government intervention in the market was also determined and several specific suggestions for short, medium and long term were made in the study.</p>											
Link to report:	<p>Full Report (In Turkish): http://www.rekabet.gov.tr/File/?path=ROOT%2f1%2fDocuments%2fSekt%25c3%25b6r%2bRaporu%2fsektorrapor8.pdf</p>											

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Jurisdiction:	Germany	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Gas Concession Fees											
End Date:	April 2012											
Duration:												
Source of idea for study:	Case against GAG Ahrensburg for abusively excessive concession fees. The empirical study was carried out during the trial before the Higher Regional Court of Düsseldorf to corroborate the abusive nature of the conduct of GAG Ahrensburg.	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
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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Acquisition of in-depth knowledge of the market. Shed light on the effects of high concession fees on the competition for end customers.											
Link to report:	http://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/DE/Sektoruntersuchungen/Untersuchung%20Konzessionsabgaben%20-%20Bericht.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=3 (German only)											

Jurisdiction:	Germany	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Electricity Generation and Wholesale Markets											
End Date:	2011											
Duration:												
Source of idea for study:	Complaints by end consumers and from the sector.	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
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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Acquisition of in-depth knowledge of the market.											
Link to report:	http://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/DE/Sektoruntersuchungen/Sektoruntersuchung_Aussenwerbung_Eckpunktepapier_Ergebnisse.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=5 (German only)											

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Jurisdiction:	Estonia	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Renewable energy											
End Date:	May 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										
Duration:	5 months											
Source of idea for study:	Public resources											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	An analysis of the impact of the support paid on the basis of the Electricity Market Act § 59 on the competitive situation, justification of the economic burden set on the electricity consumers as a renewable energy fee and the support rates											
Link to report:	http://www.konkurentsiamet.ee/public/AnnualReports/_ANNUAL REPORT 2010 ECA.pdf page 29											

Jurisdiction:	Poland	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Wholesale energy market											
End Date:	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										
Duration:												
Source of idea for study:	Consumers' complaints											
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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	UOKiK's Department of Competition Protection asked for an in-depth analysis of the wholesale contracts offered by the biggest integrated energy group that operates in Poland.											
Link to report:	https://uokik.gov.pl/download.php?plik=8012											

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Jurisdiction:	Norway											
Market:	Norwegian retail electricity market	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
Duration:	Approximately 1 year											
Source of idea for study:	Internal - Market study part of the publication "Competition in Norway"											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>Even though competition in the power market for final consumers functions relatively well, competition can be strengthened by more price-sensitive and active consumers.</p> <p>The NCA notes that many consumers can get a better electricity agreement and save money. The NCA also sees important challenges in the wholesale market. The ownership of electricity generation is highly concentrated in Statkraft, and many generators are connected via a network of ownership relationships. Further, bottlenecks in the transmission network reduce competition in certain areas.</p> <p>We were also concerned that competition among market participants does not follow a similar pattern, where many monopoly owners of the power network are integrated power companies that also produce and sell power to final users.</p>											
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Spain											
Market:	Coal	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	December 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	<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"/>
Duration:	1 month											
Source of idea for study:	Request made by Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade (State Secretariat for Energy)											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<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"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>Report on the Draft Royal Decree regulating domestic coal production.</p> <p>The report criticizes the planned regulation, which forces electricity producers to purchase domestic coal to use as an input to their final production.</p>											
Link to report:	http://www.cncompetencia.es/Administracion/GestionDocumental/tabid/76/Default.aspx?EntryId=33310&Command=Core_Download&Method=attachment											

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Jurisdiction:	Pakistan	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Energy Sector Report											
End Date:	December, 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:	08 Months											
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To study the competition situation in the electricity market.											
Link to report:	http://cc.gov.pk/images/Downloads/research_and_publications/energy_sector_report.pdf											

Jurisdiction:	Korea	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Gas industry											
End Date:	December 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:	9 months											
Source of idea for study:	National assembly, Media, consumer group											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The gas industry has frequently received consumer complaints on restricted competition caused by its monopolistic market structure and heavy regulations such as 'business licensing system' or 'price approval system'. Therefore, there were strong needs for market study to induce institutional improvement from the relevant government bodies and self-correcting efforts from the business.											
Link to report:	http://www.ftc.go.kr/news/report/reportView.jsp?report_data_no=3803											

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Jurisdiction:	Spain											
Market:	Electricity sector	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	September 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	<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"/>
Duration:	2 weeks											
Source of idea for study:	Request made by Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade (State Secretariat for Energy)											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>The report was released in the context of the transposition of the EU Services Directive into Spanish law.</p> <p>The main problems identified concern market distorting subsidies for energy production, lack of market oriented regulation on price, the treatment of technical restrictions, and access to the relevant information.</p>											
Link to report:	http://cnmc.es/es-es/promoci%C3%B3n/informessobrenormativa.aspx?num=IPN%20024/09&ambito=Informes%20de%20Propuestas%20Normativas&b=&p=140&ambitos=Informes%20de%20Propuestas%20Normativas&estado=0&sector=0&av=0											

Jurisdiction:	Germany											
Market:	Gas Transmission	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	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	<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"/>
Duration:												
Source of idea for study:	Complaints by end consumers and from the sector.											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Acquisition of in-depth knowledge of the market.											
Link to report:	http://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/DE/Sektoruntersuchungen/Sektoruntersuchung%20Gasfernleitungsnetze%20-%20Abschlussbericht.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=3 (German) http://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/EN/Sektor%20Inquiries/Gas%20Transmission%20Sector%20Inquiry%20-%20Summary%20Report.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=6 (English)											

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Jurisdiction:	Italy	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Natural gas										
End Date:	May 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:	30 months										
Source of idea for study:	Existence of "critical factors" in the liberalized gas market with particular reference to storage facilities										
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<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"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The object of the investigation was to assess the impact of the legal and regulatory context on competitive dynamics within the industry, in particular the role of access to storage facilities competition in the liberalized natural gas market.										
Link to report:	http://www.agcm.it/en/newsroom/press-releases/1365-investigation-concluded-into-storage-of-natural-gas.html										

Jurisdiction:	Slovak Republic	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										
Source of idea for study:											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input checked="" 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)?	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.										
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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Jurisdiction:	Portugal											
Market:	Electricity	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	Initial report completed in May 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 year											
Source of idea for study:	Analysis of reports produced by energy regulators											
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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	It was observed that there could be potential erroneous forecasting of future demands.											
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Honduras											
Market:	Electrical Energy	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	February 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:	7 months											
Source of idea for study:	Internal											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Only one government firm providing energy distribution, commercialization services and buying energy to the private generators, so was launched to gather enough background to formulate political recommendations to promote competition conditions in this sector.											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	Estonia											
Market:	Wholesale Market of Natural Gas	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	End of 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 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"/>
Duration:	2007											
Source of idea for study:	Information from energy sector regulator and market participants											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):			<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Possible dissimilar treatment by dominant operator (pricing, other business conditions).											
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Finland											
Market:	Nordic Electricity Market	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	13 months											
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative (study conducted in co-operation with the competition authorities from the Nordic countries)											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):			<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 type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To study the development of the Nordic electricity markets since the former Nordic report from 2003. Particular attention is paid to capacity situation in the transmission networks and production plants and the possibilities for increased capacity.											
Link to report:	http://www.kilpailuvirasto.fi/tiedostot/Capacity-for-competition.pdf											

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Jurisdiction:	India												
Market:	Energy Sectors	Range of Possible Outcomes											
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											
Duration:	16 months		<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Source of idea for study:	CCI Advisory Committee on Market Studies												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To assess competition issues in India's energy sector comprising of electricity, oil & gas and coal sectors.												
Link to report:	http://www.cci.gov.in/images/media/completed/5teri_20080508111155.pdf												

Jurisdiction:	US - DOJ + FTC												
Market:	Electric Energy Market	Range of Possible Outcomes											
End Date:	April 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:	21 months		<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Source of idea for study:	Statutory requirement by Congress												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The Energy Policy Act of 2005 established an Electric Energy Market Competition Task Force that included both DOJ and FTC, along with other government agencies. The Act required the Task Force to conduct a study and analysis of competition within the wholesale and retail markets for electric energy in the United States and to submit a final report to Congress on the findings of such study and analysis.												
Link to report:	http://energy.gov/oe/downloads/report-congress-competition-wholesale-and-retail-markets-electric-energy												

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Jurisdiction:	US - FTC										
Market:	Energy markets	Range of Possible Outcomes									
End Date:	April 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 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"/>
Duration:	N/A										
Source of idea for study:	Bureau of Competition										
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 three-day conference explored a range of energy issues of importance to American consumers. The topics included the relationship between market forces and government policy in energy markets; the dependence of the U.S. transportation sector on petroleum; the effects of electric power industry restructuring on competition and consumers; what energy producers and consumers may expect in the way of technological developments in the industry; the security of U.S. energy supplies; and the Government's role in maintaining competition and protecting energy consumers.</p>										
Link to report:	https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/events-calendar/2007/04/energy-markets-21st-century-competition-policy-perspective										

Jurisdiction:	EU Commission												
Market:	Electricity and gas	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>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</p>												
Link to report:	http://ec.europa.eu/competition/sectors/energy/electricity/electricity_en.html												

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Jurisdiction:	Norway	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Nordic Electricity Market											
End Date:	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:	Approximately 1 year											
Source of idea for study:	Joint report from the Nordic competition authorities											
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The report brings attention to several competition challenges. Among these are owner concentration, cross-ownership and the transmission capacity among the Nordic countries. It is pointed out that ownership concentration in the Nordic power market is still high, and is aggravated by widespread cross-ownership and joint ownership of generating plants.											
Link to report:	http://www.konkurransetilsynet.no/iKnowBase/Content/427537/CAPACITY%20FOR%20COMPETITION.PDF											

Jurisdiction:	Poland	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Electricity Market											
End Date:	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:												
Source of idea for study:												
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Possible changes in a legal environment – the Government’s consolidation programme.											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	Norway	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Norwegian power production market										
End Date:	2006	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:	Approximately 1 year										
Source of idea for study:	Internal - Commissioned report by the NCA										
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?											
Link to report:											

Jurisdiction:	Austria	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Electricity										
End Date:	November 2006	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:	27 months										
Source of idea for study:	Suggestion by the Minister of Economics and Labour due to announced and partly implemented tariff increases and possibility of further price rises										
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>Although the electricity sector is completely liberalised in Austria there is still a lack of competition.</p> <p>The report should clarify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the reasons for the absence of significant competition, - the role of system charges and possible cross-subsidisation, - whether some suppliers have dominant positions which might imply special responsibilities, - the possible need for a reassessment and modification of EnergieAllianz and the "Austrian electricity solution" - Whether convincing, tangible evidence of anticompetitive collusion exists. 										
Link to report:											

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Jurisdiction:	Austria	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Gas	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
End Date:	November 2006	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	24 months											
Source of idea for study:	Internal competition concerns											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>Due to gas price increases in autumn 2004 the FCA decided to conduct a sector inquiry in the Austrian gas market in co-operation with the regulatory authority E-control.</p> <p>The market study should investigate in detail the problems identified for the development of competition, especially in the upstream market and elaborate solutions.</p>											
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Hungary	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Electric Energy Industry	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
End Date:	May 2006	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	25 months											
Source of idea for study:	The advantages and beneficial effects, which liberalised markets are expected to produce have not emerged to the extent experts believed they would.											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>The triggering problem was the low switching rate (from the public service segment to the free market) and a subsequent trend of switching back (from the free market segment to the public service) of industrial customers after the first stage of the gradual market opening process came into force.</p>											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	Lithuania	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Wood Raw Materials used by heating supply undertakings											
End Date:	December 2006	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:	2 months											
Source of idea for study:	The assignment of the Prime Minister and the Seimas' Economy Committee											
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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To examine a probable cartel agreement between suppliers of wood raw materials.											
Link to report:												