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Jurisdiction:	Sweden											
Sector:	Professions											
Market:	Legal services	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):		<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	General concerns and monitoring of markets. According to the consumer agency a highly problematic market for consumers.											
Link to report:	http://www.konkurrensverket.se/globalassets/publikationer/rapporter/rapport-2018-1.pdf see also http://www.konkurrensverket.se/globalassets/publikationer/rapporter/rapport-2017-10.pdf											

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Jurisdiction:	England and Wales											
Sector:	Services											
Market:	Legal services	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	December 2016											
Duration:	12 months											
Source of idea for study:	In-house work											
		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 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 underlying problems?):	<p>Following a 2001 report into professional services by our predecessor body, the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), and the subsequent major review of the legal services regulatory framework by Sir David Clementi in 2004, the legal services sector in England and Wales underwent significant regulatory change, implemented by the Legal Services Act 2007. In 2013, the OFT commissioned a report from Europe Economics ('the 2013 report') that looked at regulatory restrictions in the legal services sector and reviewed the evolution of the sector in light of these reforms.</p> <p>Our market study was prompted by a range of concerns raised by interested parties, including concerns relating to the affordability of legal services, the high proportion of consumers that were not seeking to purchase legal services when they had legal needs ('unmet demand') and the possibility that regulation might be dampening competition.</p> <p>We focused on three issues in this market study:</p> <p>Theme 1 – Whether consumers can access, assess and act on information about legal services so that they can make informed purchasing decisions and thereby drive competition for the supply of legal services.</p> <p>Theme 2 – Whether information failures result in consumer protection issues that are not being adequately addressed through existing regulations and/or redress mechanisms.</p> <p>Theme 3 – Whether regulations and the regulatory framework go beyond what is necessary to protect consumers and weaken or distort competition for the supply of legal services.</p>											
Link to report:	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5887374d40f0b6593700001a/legal-services-market-study-final-report.pdf											
Remarks (if any):												

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Jurisdiction:	UK											
Sector:	Audit											
Market:	Statutory audit market study	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	18 April 2019											
Duration:	6 months											
Source of idea for study:	In-house work	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 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 underlying problems?):	<p>Concerns about the audit market are both widespread and longstanding, in the last 20 years there has been cases of things going wrong in the UK and elsewhere, as well as various reviews finding audits to be sub-standard. i.e. the case of Enron and Arthur Andersen, where Arthur Andersen failed to reveal Enron's flawed accounting; Bank failures during the 2008 financial crisis, where auditors failed to act decisively and fully to expose risks being added to balance sheets throughout the period of highly leveraged banking expansion.</p>											
Link to report:	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5d03667d40f0b609ad3158c3/audit_final_report_02.pdf											
Remarks (if any):												

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Jurisdiction:	Spain	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Professional Associations											
End Date:	April, 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:	1 year											
Source of idea for study:	Transposition of the EU Services Directive and its impact on the Professional Associations market											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Statutes, Codes of Conduct, as well as other internal rules, of the Professional Associations include factors that limit the effective competition in the market.• The rules governing the Professional Associations are heterogeneous among the regions and not fully in line with the rules at national level• Compulsory association has been identified as a significant restriction to effective competition.											
Link to report:	http://www.cnmc.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes_y_Estudios_Sectoriales/2012/Informe%20Colegios%20Profesionales%20tras%20Directiva%20de%20Servicios.pdf											

Jurisdiction:	Croatia	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Accounting services in Croatia											
End Date:	29 March 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:	6 months											
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative											
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To get information on possible cartel agreement on the market (price cartel).											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	Croatia											
Market:	Public relations services in Croatia	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
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Source of idea for study:	Own initiative											
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To investigate the suspected cartel on the PR services market in Croatia.											
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Poland											
Market:	Chimney sweep services	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	February 2010	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	6 months											
Source of idea for study:	In-house work											
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Analysis of the market, including its structure and level of concentration.											
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Jurisdiction:	Poland											
Market:	Entry barriers for technical professions	Range of Possible Outcomes										
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:	UOKiK's earlier market study (legal professions)											
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)?		Analysis of restrictions on entry and professional conduct.										
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Ireland	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	General Medical Practitioner Services											
End Date:	Published 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:	The Competition Authority (now the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission) carried out a series of studies on Competition in Professional Services in Ireland. The studies covered eight professions in the construction, legal and medical sectors.											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?		The Competition Authority and Consumer Protection Commission is using these studies to: (a) examine regulations and practices that potentially restrict competition (b) have anti-competitive restrictions abolished or replaced; (c) identify behaviour which, although not necessarily breaching competition law, nevertheless inhibits competition.										
Link to report:		http://www.ccpic.ie/report-general-medical-practitioners										

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Jurisdiction:	Italy											
Market:	Professional services	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	January 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:	24 months											
Source of idea for study:	Liberalization of professional services introduced with Law n. 248/06											
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?		The liberalization of professional services (Fees and advertising), introduced with Law n. 248/06, required professional bodies to update their codes of conduct introducing the changes. The purpose of the study was to assess whether all restrictions on competition had been eliminated by the codes of conduct.										
Link to report:		http://www.agcm.it/en/newsroom/press-releases/1690-fact-finding-investigation-of-professional-orders.html										

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

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

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

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Jurisdiction:	Croatia																						
Market:	Audit Services																						
End Date:	July 2007																						
Duration:	5 months																						
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative																						
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The review of the Tariffs for audit services.																						
Link to report:																							

Jurisdiction:	Portugal																						
Market:	Notaries																						
End Date:	2007																						
Duration:	2 years																						
Source of idea for study:	Public and legislative debate regarding liberalization of the notary profession.																						
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Analysis began after the profession was privatized in 2004. It was observed that there were strict restrictions on access to and practice of notary services.																						
Link to report:																							

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Jurisdiction:	Ireland										
Market:	Dentists	Range of Possible Outcomes									
End Date:	2007	Competition 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:	The Competition Authority carried out a series of studies on Competition in Professional Services in Ireland										
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission is using these studies to:</p> <p>(a) examine regulations and practices that potentially restrict competition</p> <p>(b) have anti-competitive restrictions abolished or replaced;</p> <p>(c) identify behaviour which, although not necessarily breaching competition law, nevertheless inhibits competition.</p>										
Link to report:	http://www.ccpic.ie/study-dental-profession										

Jurisdiction:	Ireland	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Solicitors and Barristers											
End Date:	2006	Competition	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
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Link to report:	http://www.ccpic.ie/study-legal-professions											

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Jurisdiction:	Ireland											
Market:	Optometrists	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	2006	Competition	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
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Source of idea for study:	The Competition Authority carried out a series of studies on Competition in Professional Services in Ireland											
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Link to report:	http://www.ccpic.ie/study-optometry-profession											

Jurisdiction:	Ireland										
Market:	Architects	Range of Possible Outcomes									
End Date:	2006										
Duration:											
Source of idea for study:	The Competition Authority carried out a series of studies on Competition in Professional Services in Ireland										
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Link to report:	http://www.ccpic.ie/study-architectural-profession										

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Jurisdiction:	Estonia											
Market:	Liberal Professions	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	End of 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Duration:	2005											
Source of idea for study:	The basis of the research was that a similar market study was conducted by the European Commission											
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The analysis gave an overview of the operating restrictions for liberal professions established by legislation and relevant comparison data with other EU member states.											
Link to report:												

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

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