



THE FUNCTION OF CPC IN COMPETITION ADVOCACY IN THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

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INTRODUCTION

- Two basic functions of each competition authority
 1. Implementation of competition legislation
 2. Competition advocacy

- Definition of competition advocacy

- Competition culture in the developing countries



COMPETITION ADVOCACY IN REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

- Commission for Protection of Competition (CPC) of the Republic of Macedonia
 - Central role in providing free competition on the market
 - Independent state authority
 - Responsible for its work to the assembly of RM
 - Controls the applications of the Law on Protection of Competition (administrative and misdemeanor procedures and decisions),
 - Controls the applications of the Law on State aid (administrative procedures and decisions)
 - Monitors and analyzes the conditions on the market



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- Competition culture in the Republic of Macedonia
- Prerequisites for effective advocacy:
 - The independence from political influence
 - The recourses (financial and staff)
 - The credibility



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The CPC realizes the competition advocacy in the Republic of Macedonia through:

- Relations with media
- Relations with courts
- Relations with policy makers, business community and academics
- Relations with sector-specific regulators
- International support of competition advocacy in the RM



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➤ Relations with media

- Official media. CPC regularly publishes its final decisions in Official Gazette of the RM. CPC on its own web page regularly publishes its final decisions, regularly publishes its annual reports, court decisions, notifications for concentrations, the court judgments and the market analyses, the laws, by-laws, brochures, information booklets and guidelines

- mass media. Through mass media CPC gives press releases about current enforcement cases, takes part in radio dialogs about the competition policy in Republic of Macedonia and takes part on TV debates about the competition issues

- selective media. The communications with selective media CPC is realizing through organizing seminars and workshops, business meetings, as well as writing articles in magazines



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➤ Relations with courts

- National courts play significant role
- CPC enacts administrative and misdemeanors decisions
- The parties can appeal the decisions of CPC to the Administrative Court,
- The decision of the Administrative Court can be appealed to the Higher Administrative Court
- The judgments should be based on technically sound reasoning and such reasoning to be uniformly applied
- Raising the judges knowledge and understanding about the competition policy and competition legislation through seminars and workshops



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➤ Relations with policy makers, business community and academics

- Policy makers
- Business community
- Academics



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➤ **Relations with sector – specific regulators**

- Dialog
- Exchanges of data and information
- Memorandum for cooperation with
 - Energy Regulatory Commission,
 - Agency for Electronic Communications,
 - Postal Agency,
 - Agency for Audio and Audiovisual Media Services,
 - Public Procurement Burro
 - Agency for Regulation of Rail Sector



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➤ **International support of competition advocacy in the RM**

- technical assistance through projects, consultants' studies, training programs, seminars and expert meetings
- Bilateral cooperation agreements (memorandum for cooperation with the competition authorities from the neighbor countries)



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CONCLUSIONS

- Important role of competition advocacy
- Participation of CPC in legislative and regulatory processes
- Education of judges
- Additional own recourses (financial and staff)



Thank you for your attention!

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