

STEPPING TOWARDS FAIR

COMPETITION

2016





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The Council's ability to bring benefits to consumers and enhance competition advocacy is directly related to the institutional credibility, which is built by an open, impartial and professional organisation – the one which we are seeking to be

Šarūnas Keserauskas
Chairman of the Lithuanian
Competition Council



WE FOUND

10

breaches of the
Law on Competition

5

breaches of
the Law on
Advertising



3 WE IDENTIFIED CARTELS

in public procurement for the purchase of machinery, municipal waste collection and transportation services, construction and installation works



WE FOUND THAT 2 MUNICIPALITIES

(Kaunas and Šiauliai City) granted privileges to municipal companies and discriminated against other market players

HAVING FOUND THAT 4 MUNICIPALITIES

(Molėtai, Pakruojis, Trakai District and Kaunas City) failed to comply with the Council's obligations, we appealed to court



FINES IMPOSED ON COMPANIES

824,811 EUR

OF WHICH **758,100 EUR**
FOR ANTI-COMPETITIVE
AGREEMENTS



WE SENT 23 NOTIFICATIONS

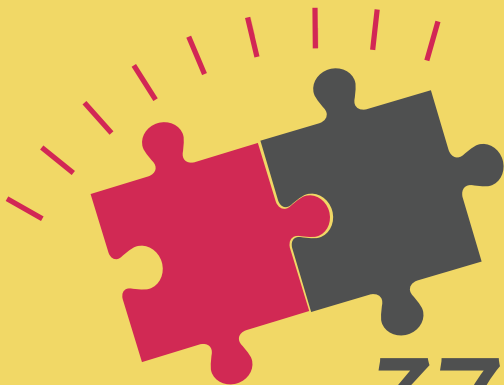
to public administrative bodies regarding the possible infringements of the Law on Competition

WE ANALYSED 292 COMPLAINTS

related to advertising and examined **107 ADS** on our own initiative

WE SENT 158 NOTIFICATIONS

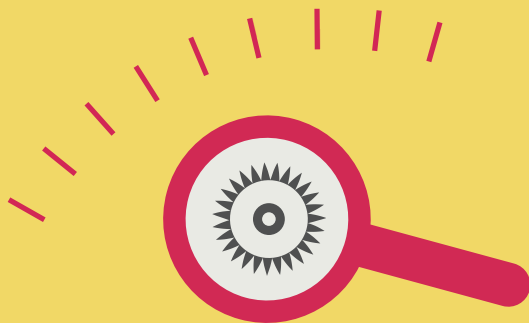
to advertisers regarding suspected misleading advertising



WE CLEARED **37** MERGERS

The merger of insurance companies was cleared on condition that *Vienna Insurance Group AG* sells part of its insurance business in Lithuania

The merger of the owners of classified ads websites *aruodas.lt*, *domoplius.lt*, *autoplius.lt*, *autogidas.lt* and others was blocked



**WE UNDERTOOK AN IN-DEPTH
REVIEW OF 9 MERGERS** in the markets
of financial (banking) services, insurance services,
energy, telecommunications, ads websites, retail
and wholesale trade of fuel and others



**WE CONDUCTED A MARKET
STUDY ON REIMBURSABLE
PHARMACEUTICALS,**

which revealed that current legal regulation in the market of reimbursable pharmaceuticals is inefficient and results in higher prices for both consumers and the state



THE COURTS UPHELD
85 PER CENT
OF THE COUNCIL'S DECISIONS



COURTS RULED THAT

Lithuanian travel agencies entered into an anti-competitive agreement with the online booking system *E-TURAS* to limit the discounts on online travel bookings for consumers

UAB MAXIMA LT and *UAB Mantinga* entered into a 10-year-long anti-competitive agreement and agreed to coordinate the prices of bakery products

Gazprom received a reasonable EUR 35 million fine for creating obstacles for *AB Lietuvos energijos gamyba* to purchase natural gas from other suppliers



EUR 18.7 MILLION

finer paid by the infringers in 2016



The amendments to the Law on
Competition and the Law on Local
Self-Government entered into force,
**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE
BODIES FACE STRICTER
REGULATION AND FINES**



**FOOD AND BEVERAGE
SUPPLIERS MAY SUBMIT
ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS**

to the Council and, thus, defend their rights
in case of a dispute with retailers



WE EXAMINED **384**
DRAFT LEGAL ACTS –

regarding 200 of them we issued proposals
on how to minimise negative impacts on
competition and the freedom of
economic activity



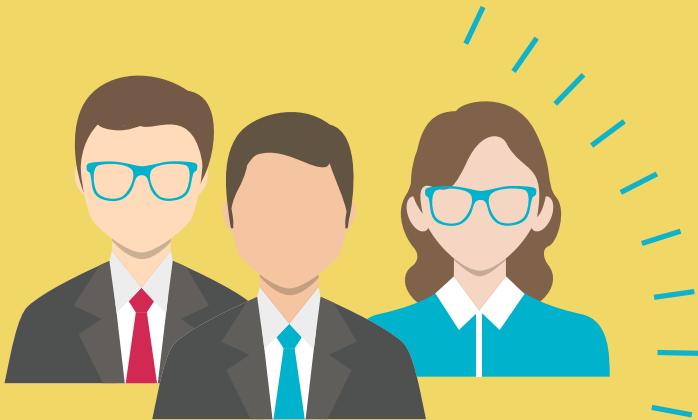
**WE PUBLISHED
RECOMMENDATIONS**
on comparative advertising for companies
to avoid misleading consumers



Amendments to legal acts brought

MORE CLARITY FOR THE COMPANIES

notifying the intended merger to the Council



**VICTIMS OF ANTITRUST
VIOLATIONS HAVE BETTER
OPPORTUNITIES TO DEFEND
THEIR RIGHTS** by claiming compensation
for damages suffered due to such infringements

**WE JOINED FORCES WITH THE
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT OFFICE AND
THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SERVICE**

to fight against cartels and corruption in public procurement



**WE PROVIDED CONSULTATIONS
AND SHARED EXPERIENCE**
on state aid and competition law issues **WITH**
COLLEAGUES FROM 9 COUNTRIES:
Iceland, Estonia, Luxembourg, Latvia, Poland,
Georgia, Armenia, Egypt and Ukraine



WE DELIVERED **68**
PUBLIC TALKS IN LITHUANIA
AND ABROAD

WE ORGANISED **24**
CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS



For two consecutive years antitrust and
competition law journal and news service

Global Competition Review **AWARDED**
THE COMPETITION COUNCIL
THREE STARS OUT OF FIVE



In the contest *Best Internet 2016* the Competition
**COUNCIL'S NEW WEBSITE WAS
NOMINATED AMONG THE BEST
DIGITAL MARKETING WORKS**



WE INITIATED A COMPETITION
ROAD-SHOW IN 10 DIFFERENT
REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY



In *Antitrust Writing Awards 2017* the
COUNCIL'S GUIDEBOOK
"Cooperation with public institutions:
how to reduce the risks of competition
law infringement?" **RECEIVED AN
AWARD FOR THE MOST
INNOVATIVE SOFT LAW IN THE
CROSS-BORDER CATEGORY**



**1 EURO INVESTED
IN THE COMPETITION
COUNCIL BROUGHT ALMOST
8 EUROS IN RETURN**



EUR 13 MILLION

direct average annual benefit for consumers





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