

**1** Eur invested in the Council's work brought **10** Eur in return.

Direct average annual benefit for consumers in 2015–2017



For three consecutive years antitrust and competition law journal and news service *Global Competition Review* awarded the Council three stars out of five.



We cleared **23**  
mergers



Having identified competition concerns in certain local retail markets, we cleared the acquisition of *IKI* by *RIMI* on condition that *RIMI* will sell 17 retail stores to a suitable buyer.



We referred to court asking to impose **personal liability** on managers of 8 companies which concluded cartels.

We identified **5**  
anti-competitive agreements

One of them concluded by two construction firms *Panevėžio statybos trestas* and *Irdaiva*. Instead of bidding separately, the firms presented joint bids in 24 public tenders, and thereby restricted competition.



We identified **4** infringements of the Law on Advertising

The Council imposed fines on 3 companies which advertised non-residential premises as residential real estate, and sent recommendations to real estate sellers and associations stating that advertisements should contain clear indications about the type of real estate that is being sold.

Number of analysed ads

**447**

**254**

**Notifications to companies** with a request to change potentially misleading advertisements or terminate the dissemination of them.

We sent **23** notifications to public administrative bodies regarding the alleged competition law breaches.





Courts upheld **94 per cent**  
of the Council's decisions, most  
important of them being:

- *GAS Lietuva* restricted competition in the market of cash-handling services;
- fine imposed on *Lukoil Baltija* for an unnotified merger was proportionate to the seriousness of the breach;
- Joniškis District and Šiauliai Municipalities granted privileges to municipal companies and thus restricted competition;
- five companies concluded cartels in public procurements for construction works.



Total amount  
of paid fines

**7.9**  
million

**Eur**

We examined **359** draft legal acts and issued proposals regarding 83 of them advising how to avoid negative impacts on competition and the freedom of economic activity.



**We recommended responsible institutions to review legal acts related to pharmaceutical sector in order to encourage more effective competition for the benefit of consumers:** instead of establishing state pharmacies, we recommended to evaluate the barriers for entering and carrying out activities in the market, encourage parallel import and increase competition by generic drugs.





## Competition law amendments:

the Council obtained a right to impose fines on public administrative bodies for competition law infringements.

## We analysed the cases of state property transfer to undertakings and provided recommendations

on how to avoid competition distortions. One of our recommendations was that the transfer of state property to undertakings and their associations should be made on market conditions only.



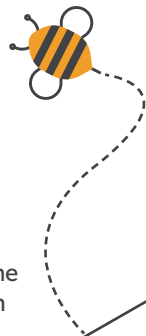
**Total amount of fines imposed on companies**



We shared our experience  
with colleagues from competition  
authorities in **Ukraine, Georgia,  
Egypt** as part of the EU  
funded projects.

**#CompetitionCouncilGoesToSchool:**  
Council's experts delivered lessons  
on competition to **500 pupils**  
of Vilnius gymnasiums.

**116** public  
speeches in  
Lithuania and  
abroad.



**Competition roadshow** in Lithuania: the  
Council's experts gave a series of seminars on  
competition for **400 participants in  
5 regions of Lithuania.**