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Global Competition Review is delighted to publish this thirteenth annual edition of the *Competition Economics Handbook*.

With economics at the centre of competition law, this handbook identifies the issues that antitrust economists are tackling today. The book's comprehensive format provides contact details for competition agencies' economists in over 70 jurisdictions. A Q&A format illustrates how the advisers are organised and their input into the regulation and enforcement process.

Much of the information has been provided by the agencies themselves and we are, as ever, grateful for all their cooperation.

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Questions and answers

How many economists do you employ?

The Croatian Competition Agency (CCA) employs 18 economists. Each one holds a university degree in economics, of which five hold master's degrees in economics. Out of the four, two have started a doctorate study.

Do you have a separate economics unit, or 'bureau'?

Within the CCA's internal organisation is a separate economic unit, the Office of the Chief Economist.

The Office of the Chief Economist is entrusted with performing the most complex economic analyses in cases handled by the CCA, especially in proceedings involving the establishing of abuses of dominant position of undertakings on the market and the review of concentrations among undertakings on the market. It also reviews the work and economic analysis completed in other departments of the CCA in order to ensure a high-level of quality in respect of economic analysis and the improvement of overall economics work done in the departments, necessary for the preparation of cases and submission of cases to the Competition Council's sessions.

Do you have a chief economist?

Yes, Mr Ivan Ante Ivanda, who holds a master's in economic science and is a PhD student in economic science.

To whom does the chief economist report?

The chief economist reports to the Competition Council as a decision-making body of the CCA.

How many economists have a PhD in industrial economics?

Three economists are currently PhD students in economics.

Does the agency include a specialist economist on every case team? If not, why not?

On every case team there is at least one specialist economist. However, in more complex cases, there are usually two or more economists. Four economists are dedicated to the work on unfair trading practices in food supply chain, a new competence of the CCA since December 2017.

Is the economics unit a 'second pair of eyes' during cases – is it one of the agency's checks and balances? If not, why not?

The economics unit can be described as a 'second pair of eyes' during cases, because the most necessary inputs come from the economic analysis done during the proceedings.

How much economic work is outsourced? What type of work is outsourced?

The CCA does not outsource economic work; the workload is done by the economists employed by the CCA.

Organisation chart



