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Appointment of the President of the Council of the Croatian Competition Agency

Following the proposal of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, the Croatian Parliament adopted on 26 March 2015 the decision on the re-appointment of Mladen Cerovac, LL.M., as president of the Council of the Croatian Competition Agency (CCA). His five-year term of office started on 15 April 2015.

Mladen Cerovac has been continuously employed in the CCA since its establishment in 1997. He first held the position of independent advisor to the president of the Council, then became director of the Antitrust and Mergers & Acquisitions Division and vice-president of the Council. In November 2013, when the former president left the authority, Mr Cerovac was appointed president and continued the remainder of the five-year mandate of his predecessor, which expired in April 2015.

Mr Cerovac graduated from the Faculty of Law University of Zagreb and is a member of the Croatian bar. He is one of the experts with the longest work experience in the area of competition law and policy in Croatia. Mr Cerovac specialised in the area of control of concentrations and abuse of dominance. He is the author of the first Croatian *Glossary of competition law and policy* and co-author of the books 'Introduction to the EU' and 'Legal environment of doing business'.

As an international legal expert he participated in several EU-funded projects, sharing his knowledge with colleagues in neighbouring countries.

2014 was the first full year (15 November 2013 - 15 November 2014) of the new Council led by president Mladen Cerovac. The Council is a body composed of three lawyers and two economists, highly skilled professionals in the field of competition. Decisions of the Council are adopted by a majority of at least three votes, whereby a member of the Council may abstain. The president of the Council, in turn, represents and manages the work and operations of the Agency and is responsible for the work of the CCA.

The first year of the Council was marked by several significant changes: the institutional strengthening of the Agency in the area of gathering digital evidence by forensic means, and consequently, an increase in the number of inspections; the creation and implementation of a consistent policy of imposing fines on businesses for violations of competition rules; and changes in competence with respect to state aid (in the hands of Ministry of Finance since April 2014). A key feature of the work carried out in 2014 was speeding up the process of case-handling and decision-making.

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