

ALBANIAN COMPETITION AUTHORITY



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

COMPETITION IS NOT ONLY THE BASIS OF PROTECTION FOR THE CONSUMER, IT IS ALSO THE INCENTIVE TO PROGRESS.

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- WELCOME TO THE ALBANIAN COMPETITION AUTHORITY -

THE AIM OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO GIVE ALL THE READERS A VERY WIDE OPEN OVERVIEW OF THE MONTHLY ACTIVITIES IN TERMS OF COMPETITION COMMISSION DECISIONS AND COMPETITION ADVOCACY FRAMEWORK

ACA DURING 2018

23 PROCEDURES ON MONITORED MARKET

Most important market monitored:



Insurance Market for Third
Party Liability for domestic
TPL Product

Banking Services Market



Transport (air and sea)

Loading-Unloading
in the East Terminal of
Durrës Port



Tobacco Market

3 GENERAL INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES



Higher Education

Evaluation of the freelancer Market



Hospital Market

16 INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES REALIZED



Storage and trading of Agro-Food products

The market for the mandatory technical
control of motor vehicles and their trailers



Mobile services telephony

Public Procurement sector



Air Transport

Marketing, import and
production of flour



Movie Screening in
Cinema Chains in
Tirana

Hydrocarbon
Market



Butchering Market

Call Center Market



ACA pursuant to Article 28
of Law No. 9121/2003
realizes monitoring and
market analysis, by aiming
at developing a free and
effective competition in
the market.



Supermarket chain
market



Loading-Unloading
in the East Terminal of
Durrës Port



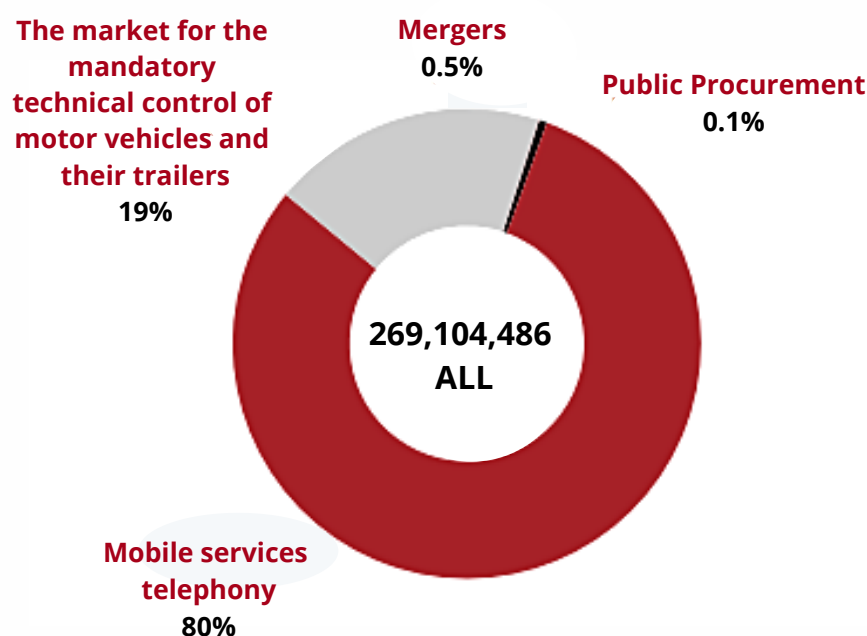
Banking Services
Market

COMPETITION COMMISSION 2018

DECISIONS



FINES DECISIONS



During 2018, the ACA has allocated to the state budget the total amount of 284,341,986 ALL, out of which the amount of 15, 237,500 ALL is poured out of the concentrations (notification and concentration authorization), and the sum of 269,104,486 ALL as income from the collected fines. For the first time, the amount of fines collected together with the proceeds collected from authorization of concentrations (284,341,986 ALL) is 3.5 times higher than the budget allocated to ACA (80,655,400 ALL).



The retail market of mobile services

The CC by decision no. 495, dated 08 February 2018, decided on the "Imposition of a fine on "Vodafone Albania" SHA and "Telekom Albania" SHA for not fulfilling the obligation imposed by the Competition Commission in Decision no. 475, dated 21 September 2017"

Public Procurement sector

The CC by decision no. 535, dated 17 July 2018 decided "On the imposition of a fine on 'Tea-D' SHPK and 'A.E.K. & CO 'SHPK for prohibited agreements in the public procurement sector.

Rental market for storage and selling of Agro-Food products

The CC by decision no. 572, dated 22 November 2018 decided "On the imposition of fines and obligations to the enterprise" EKMA Albania "SHPK, in the Rental market for storage and selling of Agro-Food products in the city of Tirana", in the amount of **43,168,617 ALL**, equal to 9,99% of the annual turnover.



The market for the mandatory technical control of road vehicles and trailer

The CC by decision no. 562, dated 25 October 2018 decided "On the imposition of fines and liabilities to the company" SGS Automotive Albania "SHPK in the market for the mandatory technical control of road vehicles with motor vehicles and tire trailers in the Republic of Albania and the issuance of some recommendations.

2018 ACTIVITIES

FORUM "COMPETITION AND BUSINESS"

In the framework of the Advocacy of competition the ACA on the 14th of December 2018, organized the Forum "Competition and Business". This forum was attended by the President of the Assembly of the Republic of Albania, Hon. Gramoz Ruçi, and other distinguished invitees and higher representatives from public institutions and regulatory bodies in Albania. The Forum provided two sessions where all the panelists had the chance to discuss and interact with the auditorium regarding the implementation of the competition policy. Representatives from the private sector such as lawyers and economist were also present, by giving their experience and real cases. A much appreciated contribution was given in the Forum by the Commissioner of Information and Data Protection, the General Manager of the Confederation of Industry of Albania, the Chairman of the Authority of Electronic and Postal Communications.



ACA ROUND TABLES

ACA in cooperation with the Kosovo Competition Authority organized in the city of Kukës the Seminar "Competition in functioning of Regional Cooperation Albania-Kosovo" in October 2018.



Thanks to the excellent cooperation with the Prefecture of Berat and Korça University, the ACA organized two round tables on "Competition in functioning of Economic Development", in order to raise the awareness of the private sector and public institutions in November 2018.



A Memorandum of Understanding between the ACA and the Maltese Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority signed in December 2018 by the respective Chairwoman's. This MOU aims at growing the cooperation among these two institutions in sharing their experiences and agreeing at creating favorable conditions for the development of bilateral relations, through emphasizing the role of competition in the real and effective development of market economy.

ACA AND PARTNERS



2019 PRIORITIES



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ACA, in accordance with the purpose of law no. 9121/2003, for a free and effective competition in the market, will continue investigation and oversight mainly in the markets with direct impact in the interests and well-being of the consumer, such as:

- **markets that are considered traditional such as:** telecommunications market, energy market, hydrocarbons market, financial and insurance markets;
- **new markets such as:** electronic commerce market, pharmaceutical market, hospital market, delivery market, higher education, freelancer market, book publishing market, data protection and competition.

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For the purpose of real-time identification of shares/share transaction that may be a subject to the authorization of concentration by ACA, will be required cooperation with the QKB to add to the business database two specific areas related to the type of transaction and the turnover of the participating undertakings in the transaction.

FUTURE PROJECTS

ACA is the beneficiary of the EU IPA project Twinning for "Further Strengthening the Competition Authority's capacity to protect the free and effective competition in the market "(which is open for application from EU member states).

The project on "Promoting Advocacy of Competition and Strengthening the Institutional Capacities of the Albanian Competition Authority" will start in early spring 2019 with EBRD, which aims to further developing technical Assistance for ACA, capacity building, drafting legislation and advocacy.



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