



Competition Council of the Republic of Latvia

Cooperation with other public institutions – key factor of successful competition policy

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Overview on the cooperation

Reasons for the cooperation

- Reliable source of information
- Sharing experience - new tools and approaches
- Partners have competence and power we do not have and can influence the situation from other perspective

Benefits from the cooperation

- Provides strong synergy of competences and resources for enforcement and common education activities
- More efficient competition enforcement and advocacy
- Better functioning markets afterwards
- Tackling complex matters, not only competition issues
- Provides comprehensive lookout/assessment
- Eliminating various barriers
- Control of remedies

Cooperation partners

- Anticorruption Agency
- Public Procurement Bureau
- Central Finance and Contracting Agency
- Higher Education Institutions
- State Audit office
- Public Utilities Commission
- Consumer Rights Protection Centre
- State Revenue Service

Example of co-operation: Competition Council & Procurement Bureau & Anticorruption Agency

CROSS COUNTRY SEMINARS “FAIR ENTREPRENEURSHIP”

Educational seminars for entrepreneurs and procurement specialists 2017. /2018.



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Target audience:

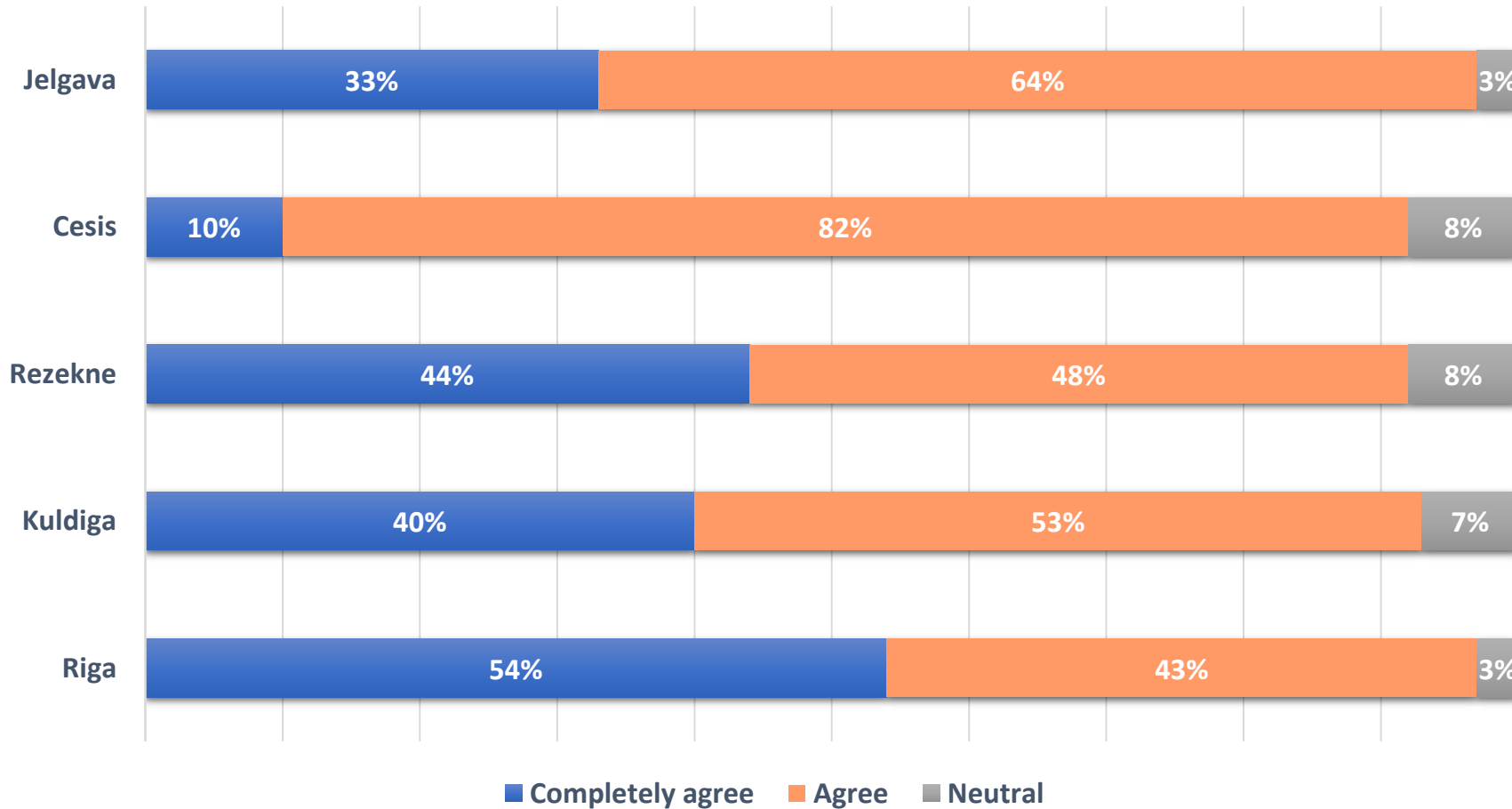
- ✓ Entrepreneurs
- ✓ Municipalities – procurement organizers

Key topics:

- ✓ What are cartels
- ✓ Indications of prohibited agreements
- ✓ Examples
- ✓ How to organize effective procurements
- ✓ Responsibility of officials

Feedback – always important!

Provided information was topical for me



Other feedback examples:

- ✓ Content
- ✓ Premises
- ✓ Lecturer
- ✓ Easy to understand
- ✓ Q&A session

Cooperation with higher education institutions



Partners: leading universities in Latvia

Areas of cooperation:

- ✓ Guest lectures
- ✓ Development of training course
- ✓ Internship
- ✓ Recommendation of Diploma paper themes and Assistance for students to complete Diploma paper
- ✓ Competition about best diploma paper

Benefits:

- Promoting public awareness about competition issues
- Potential employees
- Employer branding

Recommendations

- **Be active, be first** - influence the priorities of other public bodies
- **Do not afraid to ask**, actively explore all possible opportunities for cooperation and all benefits what it can provide
- **Communicate in early stage** the issues and problems, invite also your cooperation partners to discussions
- **Educate each other**, inform other public bodies about your tasks and competences, explain priorities
- **Use the benefits from your partners network** – this is your asset that can help to overcome unexpected obstacles on different levels



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Thank you!

