

## ISSUED STATEMENT

On December 22, 2011 Commission for Protection of Competition held a meeting with representatives from public-utility service, engaged in activities granted to them in the field of burial and maintenance of cemetery. The meeting was held with an aim for the representatives from public utility service to be informed on general competition rules and activities of the Commission, and to define future activities directed towards education and providing information to employees in those services.

Commission for Protection of Competition is of standpoint that providing information to representatives from public-utility services is necessary in order to achieve more expedient adjustment of public-utility activities with competition rules, having in mind that in such manner, a better efficiency, cost-effectiveness and direct benefit for consumers shall be achieved, as well as for other market participants rendering funeral services on local level.

Commission started an initiative for organizing meetings and seminars for employees in public-utility services, as, in the previous period, it received several complaints concerning work of public-utility service, engaged in burial and maintenance of cemeteries, stating that the mentioned enterprises undertook activities which were not in compliance with provisions of the Law on Protection of Competition.

Representatives from public-utility service agreed with the initiative proposed by Commission and welcomed the opportunity to attend meetings and forthcoming seminars. They stressed that it is necessary for employees to be informed with competition rules and competencies of the Commission, in order for the work of enterprise to be fully harmonized with the provisions contained in the Law on Protection of Competition.

Considering that the provisions of the Law on Protection of Competition also apply to public enterprises, companies, entrepreneurs and other market participants performing activities of public interest, Commission shall, in the future period, expand the scope of this activity to public and utility rendering enterprises engaged in other fields of activity.

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