

**Question for written answer E-006373/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Applicability of ECN+ to regional competition authorities

The Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council to empower the competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market (ECN+) refers repeatedly to NCAs (national competition authorities). Moreover, Article 2 of this draft directive recognises that Member States may designate one or more administrative authorities ('national administrative competition authority') or judicial authorities ('national judicial competition authority') to carry out these functions.

However, a number of Member States also have regional competition authorities.

Does the Commission believe that all principles and rules laid down in the aforementioned draft directive should also be applied to these regional competition authorities, as they are also enforcers of competition law and have a decisive role in ensuring the proper functioning of the internal market?