



Mirta Kapural was born on 7 March 1972 in Zagreb.

She has been employed at the Croatian Competition Agency since 2004. First, she was head of Section Market in Services in the Anti-trust Division of the Croatian Competition Agency. In 2007 she took a position of deputy head of International and European Cooperation Department and until her appointment member of the Competition Council, she has worked on the jobs involving cooperation with the European Commission and the national competition authorities, regular participation in the ECN meetings as a member of ECN Working group cooperation issues and due processes, implementation of the EU projects, cooperation within the International Competition Network (ICN) and participation in the new EU legal proposals in the area of competition law. She has been the Croatian representative in the negotiations about the Directive to make national competition authorities more effective enforcers (ECN+), she led the working group for the drafting of the Act on actions for damages for infringements of competition law and she has participated in drafting revisions of the Competition Act.

Ms Kapural started her career in 1999 in then Ministry for European Integration, where she performed the jobs linked to harmonization of the Croatian legislation with the EU acquis, concretely, she prepared legal opinions about the compliance of the Croatian legislation with the EU acquis in a number of areas of the EU law.

From 2001 to 2004 she was a legal adviser in the Governmental Office for Human Rights with special emphasis on the international cooperation with the United Nations and EU institutions. As a member of the Croatian delegation she worked in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva and regularly participated in the sessions of the UN Commission on Human Rights. She was twice a stagiaire in the European Commission, Brussels, in the DG Environment, where she was responsible for legal analysis regarding the state of transposition and implementation of the EU environmental Directive in transitional countries, and in the DG Competition, where she represented the national competition authority. She took part in the negotiations for the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the EU as a member of two working groups – in Chapter 15: Energy and Chapter 2: Freedom of movement of workers, while she was also included in Chapter 8: Competition policy.

After she finished the Faculty of Law in Zagreb, she got a masters degree in Contemporary European Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton and in 2012 she achieved her doctoral degree at the Faculty of Law in Zagreb in the area of commercial law and competition law with the thesis “Application of leniency or reduction of fines in competition law”.

Ms Kapural is the author of a series of research and scientific papers in the area of competition law that have been published in domestic and foreign professional journals and books. She regularly takes part in international workshops and conferences about competition law, as a participant or a speaker. She is a lecturer and author of the curriculum on competition law at the State School for Public Administration. She was a part-time associate at the law section of the Faculty of Economics and Business and a visiting speaker about competition law at the Split University, forensic department. She is a short-term and medium-term expert for competition law on EU projects in Kosovo and Cyprus.

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