

## CROATIAN COMPETITION AGENCY

**Date:** 24.9.2013

**Class:** 430-01/2013-10/002

**Case:** The Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure – State guarantee granted to Hrvatske ceste d.o.o. in amount of 74,5 million euro

**Type of case:** State aid

**Type of decision:** Opinion

At the request of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure, the CCA has issued an opinion that the state guarantee for a loan of 74,5 million euro to Hrvatske ceste d.o.o. probably does not constitute State aid. Investment in additional road construction investment cycle on public roads (county and local) is of general interest to the Republic of Croatia. Particular public roads are common good and are open to all customers, potential and existing under the same conditions. The loan will be used exclusively on the development of road infrastructure and therefore probably does not constitute State aid. Also, CCA drew attention that this opinion is not legally binding, since the decision whether it contains specific measures of State aid, or whether State aid is compatible with the State aid rules is in charge of the European Commission.