

At the request of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure, the Agency has also found that the state guarantee for a loan of 130 million € to Croatian Highways does not constitute state aid. This loan means that the Croatian Highways will invest in highways construction and maintenance of highways and will use it to build and maintain an infrastructure which is a state responsibility.

Croatian Highways are in charge for the management of public highways as a public good which is available to all customers under the same conditions. Their work is done according to the provisions of the Law on Roads, and the decision of the Croatian Parliament from 2012 regarding approval of Plan for the construction and maintenance of motorways in 2012..

Given that this is a fulfillment of the legal obligation of investing in the infrastructure, the Agency found that giving state guarantees to Croatian Highways does not distort competition. At the same time, since the Croatian Highways conducted the public procurement procedure in a transparent manner and chose the best offer loans, the Agency found that the state guarantee state to any creditor does not constitute state aid.