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Global Competition Review is delighted to publish this thirteenth annual edition of the *Competition Economics Handbook*.

With economics at the centre of competition law, this handbook identifies the issues that antitrust economists are tackling today. The book's comprehensive format provides contact details for competition agencies' economists in over 70 jurisdictions. A Q&A format illustrates how the advisers are organised and their input into the regulation and enforcement process.

Much of the information has been provided by the agencies themselves and we are, as ever, grateful for all their cooperation.

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Questions and answers

How many economists do you employ? How many have PhDs in industrial economics?

The Swedish Competition Authority has around 38 economists (in the field of competition). Fourteen have PhDs, four of them in industrial organisation.

How are these economists distributed within the organisation? Do you have a separate economics unit, or 'bureau'?

There is a separate Chief Economist's Unit that comprises nine economists.

Do you have a chief economist?

Yes, Arvid Fredenberg is the chief economist and director of the Chief Economist's Unit.

To whom does the chief economist report?

To the director general.

Does the chief economist have the power to hire his or her own staff?

Yes.

In addition to having or not having a unit, does the agency include a specialist economist on every case team?

Yes, in general.

How much economics work is outsourced? Of this outsourcing, what percentage is specific to particular cases, and what percentage is part of general research and development?

The authority has a special government appropriation for general research in economics and law, including public procurement (approximately 14 million kronor (€1.3 million)). The bulk of the funds are distributed following a peer review process, undertaken by a scientific council attached to the authority. In certain cases the authority procures services from economic (and other) experts to support the case teams. The percentage varies, depending on the cases.

Organisation chart



