

Mini Plenary # 6

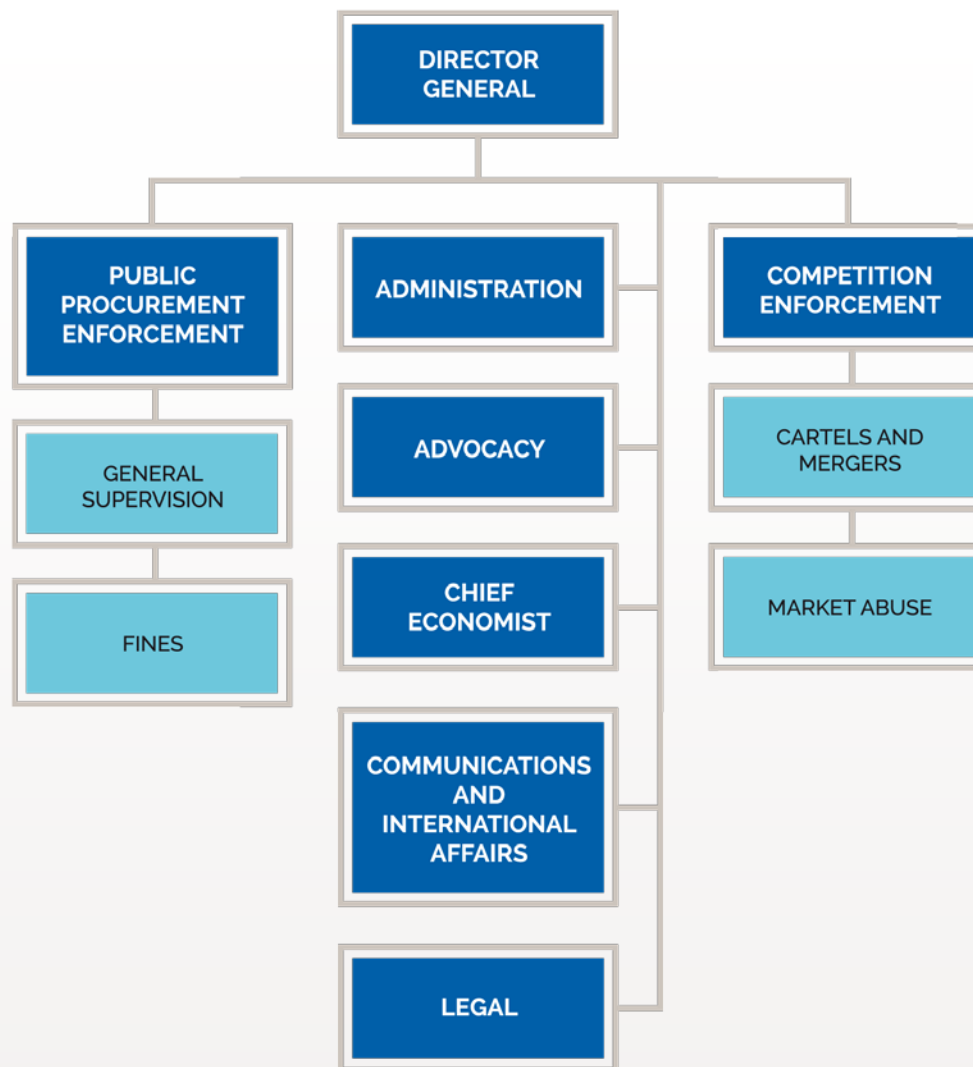
The Role of Inspectors General

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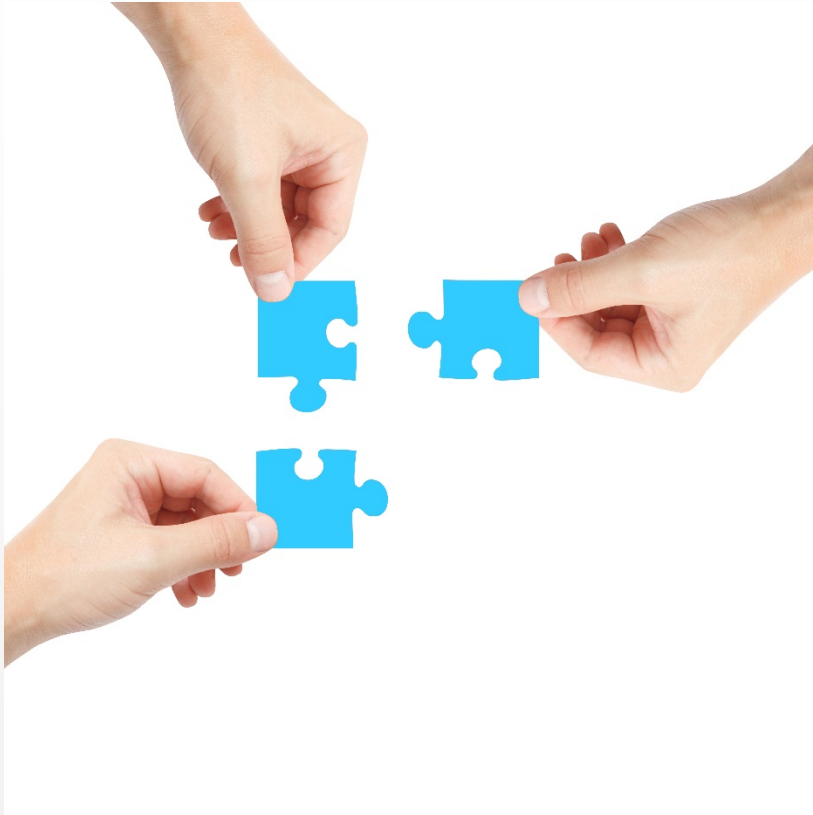
The Swedish Competition Authority is a state authority working to safeguard and promote competition and supervise public procurement in Sweden.



Synergies between competition and procurement

- » Procurement markets are interesting from a competitive perspective (since procurement situations are well-defined and often involve a particular geographical area, they have all the conditions for being exposed to cartels)
- » Procurers and tender data are important sources of information.
- » Procurement expertise is also an important ingredient in antitrust investigations.

Three pieces of a puzzle



- » Cartels
- » Procurement
- » Authority interaction

Possible links between different types of infringements

Bribes may for example be used to:

- » Influence the procurer not to publish a contract notice, resulting in an illegal direct award of the contract at stake.
- » Make the procuring officer reveal secret information about the tender.
- » Convince the procurer to turn a blind eye to a cartel.

Other examples of synergies between public procurement and competition

- » Exchange of expertise
- » Inflow of cases
- » A way in to meet with the procurers
- » Easier to produce publications
- » Statistics
- » Easier to communicate about exclusion

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