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to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Powers of national competition authorities

While EU law (Regulation No 1/2013) confers on the national authorities the power to implement EU competition rules, it does not contain any indications regarding the means or instruments to do so.

As a result, the national competition authorities are having difficulty in fulfilling their task.

What basic legislative guarantees exist to enable national competition authorities to act independently in implementing European competition rules, deploy the necessary resources and staff and at the same time be sure that they have the necessary tools to detect and penalise infringements of competition rules?