

BACES Meeting 2 May 2017

Cluster: Competition policy in international and interdisciplinary perspectives



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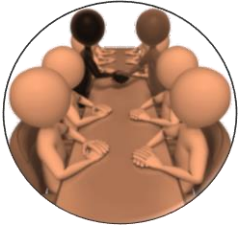
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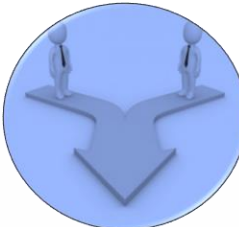
- Intensive cooperation within the framework of the Brussels Center for Competition Policy
 - Interdisciplinary
 - Academics, industry and policy
 - Research projects
 - Policy and industry advise
 - PhD students
 - Post-docs
 - Associate members
 - Cooperation with other universities
- First steps in China-European studies
 - e.g. research cooperation, Yating Zhao publicly defends her PhD on 15th May 2017 (joint PhD RUC-VUB)

Competition policy themes



1. Anti-trust

e.g. price cartels, abuse of dominance



2. Mergers

e.g. mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures



3. State aid

e.g. subsidies for regional development, environmental protection, public broadcasters, broadband, public and private enforcement



4. Liberalization

e.g. electricity, postal services

Competition policy themes

How can we advance competition policies in a methodologically sound manner, looking particularly at legal soundness and consistency, the assessment of efficiencies and advanced economic analysis, and sector-specific considerations as well as political aspects?

Competition policy themes

- How can we carry out meaningful comparative research over different geographical areas (EU-US-China)?
- What can we learn from comparative studies on competition policy in different jurisdictions (EU-US-China)?
- Is the application of competition policy across jurisdictions (EU-US-China) consistent with regard to its main pillars and when this is not the case, why so?
- How can we contribute to and support a competition policy in developing economies?
- How to conduct ex ante and ex post assessments?
- What are the effects of competition policy on markets, but also on societies?

Competition policy themes

- What should be the place of other public interest considerations such as environmental protection, privacy and diversity/pluralism within competition policy?
- Which welfare standard is most appropriate in a rapidly changing environment where several public interest considerations frequently surface?
- What is the influence of procedures and how can they be improved?
- What is the optimal combination level between public and private enforcement?
- What is the position of competition issues in free trade agreements?
- How does competition policy influence the development of digital markets?
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Thank you for your attention!

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