



EU ANTITRUST: HOT TOPICS & NEXT STEPS

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Faculty of Law

Charles University in Prague, Czechia

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to inform you that the Faculty of Law of Charles University in Prague is organising the first year of the international conference **EU ANTITRUST: HOT TOPICS & NEXT STEPS**.

The conference aims to create a space for scientific discussion on legal issues of protection of competition in relation to its undergoing transformation under the pressure of globalisation and the digitisation of economic processes.

As organisers we are genuinely honoured that **the keynote speech at the opening of the conference will be delivered by Mrs. Margrethe Vestager, the Executive Vice-President and the Commissioner for Competition of the European Commission.**

The focus of the conference will be on:

1. Impact of digitisation, globalisation, pandemics and other major trends and developments on EU antitrust, its goals, doctrine, ties to other policies and areas of law, theories of harm, key definitions etc.
2. Adaptation of existing EU antitrust rules, adoption of new tools, standards and methods to cope with current challenges.
3. Efficiency of antitrust enforcement, role and powers of competition authorities and courts at EU and national levels, protection of fundamental rights and principles of law.

We are pleased to inform you that the call for papers has been launched and the registration has been opened. For those interested, please sign up here under the paragraph "Apply": <http://antitrustnext.prf.cuni.cz/>

The conference proceedings will be published in print and online after the event and submitted to the Conference Proceedings Citation Index accessible at the **Web of Science™**. Further, all participants with a paper will be offered the opportunity to publish it via **Prague Law Working Papers Series** disseminated through the **Social Science Research Network**. The papers selected by the Scientific Committee of the Conference will be offered publication in **The Lawyer Quarterly**, an open-access international journal listed in **SCOPUS and ERIH+** databases.

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Yours faithfully,

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