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**Competition Law in Conversation: Gatekeeper Status under the DMA**

The Digital Markets Act strives to keep digital markets open and contestable despite the presence of important gatekeepers. This instalment of Competition Law in Conversation looks at the gatekeeper notion. On 18 October 2022, we are joined by Antoine Babinet (European Commission) and Florence Thépot (University of Strasbourg). [Vicky Robertson](#) moderates. Registration [here](#).



**Vienna Competition Law Days 2022**

On 16 and 17 September 2022, the first edition of the Vienna Competition Law Days took place at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Bringing together leading academics, competition enforcers and practitioners, the workshop aimed to foster discussions on current issues in competition law and economics. In addition to a book launch, four panels discussed new competition tools, digital markets, sustainability in competition law and current enforcement issues.

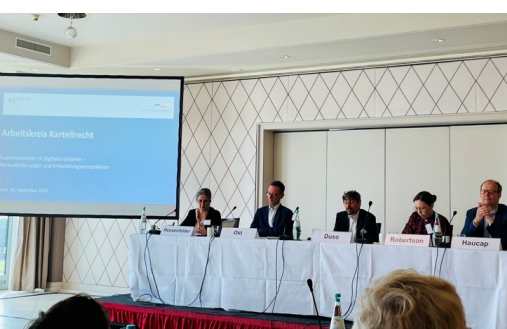
**Workshop on Competition Law and Sustainability**

On 23 September 2022, [Klaudia Majcher](#) presented at a workshop on competition law and sustainability organised by the Competition Law Scholars Forum (CLaSF) at the Department of Commercial law of Universitat de València Estudi General. Klaudia discussed implications of Europe's transition to a green and digital economy on EU competition law.



**Professors' Meeting at the German Bundeskartellamt**

On 29 September 2022, [Vicky Robertson](#) discussed digital merger control and possible next steps at the German Bundeskartellamt's "Arbeitskreis Kartellrecht". Further panelists included Silke Hossenfelder, Konrad Ost, Sandro Gleave (all Bundeskartellamt), Julia Brockhoff (European Commission), Justus Haucap (University of Düsseldorf), Tomaso Duso (DIW Berlin & Monopolkommission), and Thorsten Kaeseberg (Federal Ministry for the Economy and Climate Protection). The authority's background paper can be found [here](#), Vicky's contribution can be found [here](#).



**Market Power in the Digital Age**

Digital platforms are shaping the digital age. In this contribution, [Vicky Robertson](#) shows which difficulties arise when trying to delineate the relevant market(s) in which digital platforms are active. She also discusses how the constituent element of a dominant position can be applied to digital platforms. The contribution is in German and can be accessed [here](#) (pre-edited), and [here](#) (paywall).



**Microsoft's Activision Blizzard Acquisition**

In a recent working paper, [Fabian Ziemann](#) discusses the market definition and potential competitive concerns of *Microsoft/Activision*. He analyzes the Commission's gaming merger decisional practice, concluding that the market ought to be delineated based on game genres. In this context, Fabian illustrates that the acquisition may result in input foreclosure and a significant impediment to industry innovation. You can access the paper [here](#).

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