

EBEEC 2024 Special Interest Working Group (SIG) Kick-Off on Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers

An EBEEC Special Interest Working Group is an intense collaboration between multiple researchers from different academic fields and a balanced geographical representation to produce targeted, high-value work on the specific scientific area(s).

Particular Interest Working Group Leader

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Suggested Scientific areas (not limited to)

- Goals of Competition Law in the Digital Market
- Algorithm and Competition Law
- Abuse of Dominance in Digital Market
- Consumer Data and Competition
- Self-Preference in the Digital Market
- Measuring Consumer harm in the digital market
- Platform regulation, gatekeepers, fairness and contestability

Objectives

Nowadays, the use of digital services is indispensable to the daily activity of businesses or end users. Digital services and online platforms in particular have contributed to the internal market by opening new business opportunities and increasing consumer choice and competitiveness. Currently, Europe's digital economy comprises over 10,000 online platforms. Most of these online platforms are SMEs. Nevertheless, a small number of online platforms have captured the biggest share of the overall value generated and have consolidated their position in the digital market. These online platforms, known as 'gatekeepers' which have a significant impact on the internal market, are likely to lead to unfair practices and conditions for business users as well as for the end.

The SIG Digital Market, Competition and Consumers goal is to discuss the rationale and the necessity for regulating Big Tech companies' behaviour in the digital market. The working group aims to foster a debate on the necessity of a regulatory framework at the national level and to analyse the recent Regulation on contestable and fair markets in the digital sector, known as the Digital Markets Act (DMA), adopted by the European Parliament and the Council. Moreover, the working group welcomes discussion on the role of the consumers in the digital market.

The objectives of the Special Interest Working Group on Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers can be indicated, but not limited, as follows:

- Expand the knowledge and understanding of digital market and competition law
- Develop an international and interdisciplinary network
- Explore possibilities to apply for project grants
- Hold a Special session at the EBEEC 2024

The Special Interest Working Group on Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers meets virtually twice a year and focuses on a defined topic at each meeting.

Publication opportunities

- EBEEC Conference proceedings once a year
- Topical Collection published in Digital Society (Springer)

EBEEC 2024 Special Interest Working Group

- Meetings with the group members
- Establish iterative EBEEC Special Session/Track

For further information

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