

Call for papers

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The Editorial Board of the Yearbook of Antitrust and Regulatory Studies (YARS) invites academics and practitioners to submit research and critical papers that refer to law & economics of competition and sector-specific regulation (energy, electronic communications, post, transport, media) for YARS 2023 vol. 16(27).

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Submission deadline: by 31 March 2023 for vol. 16(27)

We kindly encourage you to express your interest to publish before submitting your contribution.

Submissions should be sent to:

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Contributions may focus on:

- antitrust rules & case-law
- state aid
- pro-competitive regulation
- economics of antitrust and sector-specific regulation.

YARS volume 16(27): Competition law systems in Central and Eastern Europe: A bottom-up approach

Competition law systems in the Central and Eastern European Member States of the European Union, candidate countries, and the members of the European Neighbourhood Instrument are facing various enforcement and institutional issues, such as deficiencies of their national competition authorities institutional capacity, slow-moving enforcement records, modest fining policy, low level of media visibility of the competition agencies and the competition law agenda, insufficient competition culture, authoritarian legal culture legacy as well as limited experience of national judges with (EU) competition rules, including the lack of specialisation.

Despite strong EU influence and, in some countries, the mechanism of EU conditionality, the

national specifics of these jurisdictions continue to prominently shape their competition law systems within limits permitted by EU acquis (applying national competition rules in the absence of "effect on trade" under Regulation 1/2003, exercising legislative discretion in implementing the Damages Directive 2014/104/EU and ECN+ Directive 2019/1). This questions the harmonised application of the competition law throughout the EU and in its immediate neighbourhood and requires a separate and in-depth understanding of the competition law systems in the focus jurisdictions.

The YARS volume 16(27) aims to explore national competition law systems by taking a bottom-up approach that looks at particular challenges faced by individual jurisdictions that derive from the specificities of their legal traditions. Given that the topic of the call speaks to the discussions in the articles published in YARS in the past, authors are encouraged to write against the background of existing state of the art reflected amongst [past issues of YARS](#).

We invite contributions from scholars and practitioners interested in exploring competition law and policy issues in the Central and Eastern European Member States of the EU, candidate countries, and the members of the European Neighbourhood Instrument. Although the focus is on legal issues, the submission of interdisciplinary papers is encouraged. Papers opening discussions on challenges found in the focus jurisdictions compared with similar problems outside of Europe will also be considered.

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YARS accepts

- **articles (the focus is on critical review of both speculative research and practice-based research in law & economics)**
- reviews of national legislation and jurisprudence in antitrust and sector-specific regulation in 2020-2022
- comments to crucial judgments or antitrust/regulatory decisions issued in 2020-2022 including EU courts case-law
- book reviews
- reports of research and scientific activities in 2021-2022 (e.g., conferences, seminars, research projects).

Submission of papers

The final papers should be submitted by **31 March 2023** for vol. 16(27). Submissions must include: author's name, home institution, title of the paper, table of contents, abstract, keywords, JEL classification, full text of the article and list of literature.

The maximum length of the article is 10,000 words. **All the contributions should meet standards of OSCOLA referencing system and need to contain a list of literature at the end.** Information for authors is available [here](#).

Review process

Submitted articles will undergo double-blind peer-review by two independent reviewers.

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