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Competition Law in Conversation: Online Distribution Under the New VBER

The new Vertical Block Exemption Regulation (VBER) entered into force on 1 June 2022. What changes does the VBER bring for online distribution? What are their advantages and drawbacks?

Join us on 6 December 2022 (2pm Vienna) when we discuss these questions with Katarzyna Czapracka (White & Case) and Filip Tuuyschaever (Contrast & Free University of Brussels). Register [here](#).



AI, Distributive Justice and EU Competition Law

At the *Lawtomation* conference hosted by the IE University Law School in Madrid on 29 & 30 September 2022, [Klaudia Majcher](#) explored how EU competition law, in cooperation with other fields of law such as data protection, could help address the problem of distributive injustice in the age of Artificial Intelligence.

FeSR Conference 2022

On 4 November 2022, [Fabian Ziermann](#) and his colleague Dwayne Bach discussed eSports antitrust law at the 4th conference of the Forschungsstelle für eSports-Recht. Fabian outlined the eSports ecosystems of game publishers, potential concerns under Art. 101 and 102 TFEU and the importance of the newly enacted Digital Markets Act for the eSports sector. The recording of the joint presentation, held in German, can be accessed on Twitch, commencing at [03:57:22](#).



WCNA Conference 2022

On 9 November 2022, [Vicky Robertson](#) discussed the new 3+1 rule foreseen in the Draft Block Exemption Regulation for Research & Development at the second WCNA conference. The Austrian Federal Minister of Justice Alma Zadić opened the conference, while Director-General Olivier Guersent of DG COMP was one of the keynote speakers.

US Digital Antitrust

On 11 & 12 October 2022, The Competition Law Hub was pleased to welcome Barak Orbach from the University of Arizona. Barak held a guest lecture in [Vicky Robertson](#) and [Klaudia Majcher](#)'s course on "Competition Law in the Digital Economy" at WU Vienna, and discussed fair prices for competition with the team of The Competition Law Hub in the realm of our Jour fixe.



Doctrinal Challenges for EU Competition Law

Against the background of the constitutional standing of data protection and environmental sustainability, [Klaudia Majcher](#) and [Vicky Robertson](#) analyse the challenges that the digitalisation and greening of the EU economy and society pose for competition law doctrine. This contribution is now published in the [European Law Review](#).

Austrian Construction Cartel and Damages Actions

The bid-rigging cases in the Austrian construction sector are about to kick off a string of damages actions. In Austrian daily newspaper *Der Standard*, [Vicky Robertson](#) was asked to explain the legal framework that will facilitate these damages claims. Accessible [here](#).



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