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Call for Papers by the Journal of Antitrust Enforcement:

Implications of the New Market Definition Notice

On 8 February 2024, the European Commission published its new [Market Definition Notice 2024](#). This Notice consolidates knowledge and Commission practice of the last two decades as well as introducing new concepts. This clearly signals the Commission's openness to incorporating new ideas, even when they may still need further development. The revised Notice covers a greater variety of issues and more clearly illustrates the complexity of market definition. It is no surprise, then, that the Notice has nearly doubled in length.

At the same time, the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice published new US [Merger Guidelines](#) in December of 2023 that also address the question of the relevant market.

Against this background, the [Journal of Antitrust Enforcement](#) launches this **call for papers** that brings together scholarship in law and in economics addressing the changes introduced by these new soft law instruments, and their implications for competition law scholarship and practice. The selected papers will be published as a special issue, with Magali Eben and Vicky Robertson as guest editors.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- The (new?) purpose of market definition
- Economic and legal considerations in the new Notice
- Market definition and discrimination between customers
- Ecosystem market definition
- Multi-sided market definition
- Evidence used for market definition
- Markets and new types of economic power
- Innovation markets, innovation spaces and R&D in the new Notice
- Market definition and product differentiation
- Economic versus legal views on market definition
- The adaptation of the SSNIP test (SSNDQ, etc)
- Broadening of the parameters of competition and its implications
- Geographic market definition
- The use of market shares for finding dominance
- Aspects of market definition under the US Merger Guidelines
- Comparative analysis of EU and US agency approaches to market definition

To submit a proposal for a paper, please email an **abstract** (max 300 words) to Magali.Eben@glasgow.ac.uk, viktoria.robertson@wu.ac.at; and m.ioannidou@qmul.ac.uk. The abstract should introduce the topic of your contribution, the approach or perspective you intend to adopt, and any potential conflict of interests. The **deadline** for abstract submissions is **17 June 2024**. Authors of selected papers are informed by 24 June 2024.

Draft papers (length ~ 10,000 words) are due on 11 November 2024. Authors of selected papers will be invited to attend a **one-day workshop** at [The Competition Law Hub](#) at WU Vienna on 20 November 2024 for an in-depth discussion of the draft papers ahead of publication, co-hosted by the University of Glasgow's [CREATE](#). We may be able to cover the costs of travel for participants that demonstrate that their home institution is not able to bear those costs (PhD students will be given priority).

Please note that the papers undergo peer review prior to publication.