

Day 4: Regulatory and policy initiatives to address competition concerns in digital markets – PRC Developments

Wednesday 28 April 2021

Online session

Agenda

08:15 - 08:30 (Brussels) / 14:15 – 14:30 (Beijing)	Virtual room open
08:30 – 08:35 (Brussels) / 14:30 – 14:35 (Beijing)	Introduction Ms Hilary JENNINGS, Special Adviser on Competition Policy, Competition Cooperation Project
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08:35 – 11:20 (Brussels) / 14:35 – 17:20 (Beijing) (with a 10-minute break)	<p>PRC initiatives to identify and address competition concerns in digital markets</p> <p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationale and insights into new regulatory tools and the interplay between different government tools: e.g. SAMR’s draft antitrust guidelines for platform operators, SAMR’s draft regulations governing online transactions, State Council’s platform pricing restrictions • Use of “commitment pledges” for big tech firms • Overview of recent antitrust enforcement actions / approaches / priorities for enforcement in digital markets • Challenges with evidence and analytical tools • Balance between enforcement and regulation <p>Presentation by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chen Qianting, Division of the Investigation of Abuse of Dominant Market Position, SAMR (45 mins) <p>Q&A (10 minutes)</p> <p>Discussion session (40 mins) with SAMR expert speakers, Ms Zsuzsa CSERHALMI (DG Competition) and Ms Barbara SCHULZE, Head of Unit International Competition Matters, German Federal Cartel Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Including the potential for divergent approaches to regulation and enforcement across jurisdictions in this sector, and how to address such risks]

11:20 – 11:40 (Brussels) / 17:20 – 17:40 (Beijing)	Closing remarks Mr Torben TOFT, Senior Expert, Directorate General for Competition, European Commission Xu Lefu, Anti-Monopoly Bureau, SAMR
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