

“Big Data and Cartels”: the International Competition Network presents a scoping paper

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Over the past few years, there has been a wide debate about the new digital dimension of cartel enforcement. The ICN (the International Network of Competition agencies, counting more than 140 members) decided, through its Cartel Working Group, to study in more detail the implications of big data and algorithms in the fight against cartels. The Scoping paper presented today looks at the topic through two different perspectives: as a new “threat” and as a new “tool” for cartel enforcement.

The interest of advocacy in this domain is underlined, for example by disseminating a competition culture to those who design and use tenders, or by encouraging the development of electronic procurement policies by national authorities.

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