

ALGORITHMS

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competition authorities

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*National School of Administration (ENA)
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Bundeskartellamt



ISABELLE DE SILVA, *President of the French Competition authority*
and ANDREAS MUNDT, *President of the German Competition authority*

The increasing use of algorithms by companies brings up new questions for competition regulators. In this perspective, the Autorité de la concurrence and the Bundeskartellamt have decided to launch a joint study that will provide an overview of the different algorithms and of the competitive issues that their use raises.

On November 6, 2019, the Autorité de la concurrence and the Bundeskartellamt will present their joint study in Paris and organize an event bringing together companies, lawyers, economists and enforcers to reflect on the issues involved in the use of algorithms.

PROGRAM



8h30

Welcome breakfast



9h00

Introductory remarks
by the two presidents

9h20

1st Round Table



10h10

Coffee break

11h20

3rd Round Table

10h30

2nd Round Table



12h30

Concluding remarks
by the two presidents



12h40

Drinks

Pricing algorithm and the risk of horizontal

TABLE 1 collusion: inventory of practices and research

This first round table will approach the problems posed by pricing algorithms and the risk of horizontal collusion from a more theoretical perspective. What does the economic analysis have to say of the different collusion strategies using algorithms? What could be the qualification of algorithms from a competition law point of view?

SPEAKERS



**Emilio
CALVANO**

Professor of Economics,
University of Bologna
and Associate Faculty
at the Toulouse School
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**Marta
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**Ulrich
SCHWALBE**

Professor
of Economics,
University
of Hohenheim

MODERATOR



Sebastian WISMER

Head of Unit Digital Economy, Bundeskartellamt

What applications do companies

TABLE 2 have for algorithms?

This second round table will come back to the practical aspects regarding the use of the different algorithms from a business perspective. What are their applications for companies? What are the different types of algorithms currently used? What might be the future uses?

SPEAKERS



Marie CHEVAL

Executive Director
for E-Commerce, Services
and Digital Transformation
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Armin B. CREMERS

Professor (em) at the computer
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Tarry SINGH

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Oliver WAGNER

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MODERATOR



Etienne PFISTER

Chief economist, Autorité de la concurrence

How do the competition enforcers address the challenges raised by algorithms?

TABLE 3

This round table will address the consequences and challenges posed by algorithms for competition enforcers. What are the difficulties in the regulation of algorithms and the enforcement of competition law? How can public authorities use algorithms in order to detect practices?



Andrea COSCELLI
Chief Executive
of the Competition
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Isabelle DE SILVA
President
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The debates will be held in English
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