

Protecting competition in a changing world

Programme

14.00 -14.25 **Opening remarks:** Margrethe Vestager, Executive Vice President, European Commission

14.25-14.40 **Setting the scene. Understanding competition, market power and productivity: New OECD evidence**

- ▶ Ulrik Knudsen, Deputy Secretary General, OECD
-

14.40-15.50 **Panel 1: Evidence on the evolution of competition in the EU during the past 25 years and its main drivers**

DG Competition has gathered new economic evidence of the change in the nature and intensity of competition in the EU over the past 25 years. Its findings suggest likely increases in industry and market concentration and in markups and profits, in particular at the top of the firm distribution. The panel will discuss the main drivers of these trends and how technology may affect the conditions of competition in the EU in the future

Overview of the findings

- ▶ Thomas Deisenhofer, DG Competition

Moderator: **Natalie McNelis**, MLex

- ▶ Chiara Criscuolo, IFC
 - ▶ Jan De Loecker, KU Leuven
 - ▶ Mathias Dewatripont, ULB
 - ▶ Nancy L. Rose, MIT
-

15.50-16.05 **Coffee break**

16.05-16.30 **Keynote speech**

Why competition matters – The economic impact of the evolution of competition in the EU

- ▶ Daniel Gros, Director, Institute for European Policymaking, Bocconi University

16.30-17.30 **Panel 2: An ever-evolving competitive environment: implications and outlook**

The evidence collected by DG Competition raises important questions. What are the risks, challenges and opportunities for competition in the EU as well as for broader economic outcomes such as competitiveness and growth? This panel will discuss the implications of the new findings at EU and national level and from different policy perspectives.

Moderator: **Olivier Guersent**, Director-General, DG Competition

- ▶ **Cani Fernández**, President, Spanish National Commission on Markets and Competition
- ▶ **Katja Seim**, Yale University
- ▶ **Tomaso Duso**, DIW Berlin/Member of the Monopolkommission

Light refreshments will be served at the end of the conference