



**Ius Commune Conference Leuven,
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The workshop series on New Frontiers in EU Competition & Internal Market Law offers a forum for the exchange of cutting-edge research on the two interrelated domains of EU competition law and EU internal market law. Submissions may address developments at the intersection of law and regulation, economics, behavioural science, and ethics.

First, we welcome submissions that explore how **EU competition law** is responding (or should respond) to contemporary challenges. Relevant themes include, but are not limited to:

- The digital transition (platforms, AI, the DMA, and the interaction with data protection)
- The energy transition (sustainability and the green economy)
- Geopolitical shifts, industrial policy, the pursuit of strategic autonomy, security of supply along supply chains
- Innovation competition and dynamic effects
- Subsidy control and investment screening (State aid, FSR, and FDI)
- Growing concerns over inequality and (re)distributive justice, and Services of General Economic Interest (SGEIs)
- Multifaceted, multilevel, and multi-actor enforcement of EU competition law, and the challenges and modalities of evolving enforcement
- Sector-specific insights from regulated industries such as healthcare, agri-food, energy, media, telecommunications, and financial services
- Media pluralism and democracy

Second, we encourage submissions that examine the evolution and resilience of **EU internal market law**. Relevant themes include, but are not limited to:

- The conceptual foundations and legal boundaries of the internal market, such as:
 - The relationship between case-law and legislation
 - The interplay between negative and positive integration
- The development, implementation, and enforcement of internal market rules and free movement legislation
- The internal market's role in supporting or resisting broader societal shifts and other policy domains, such as:
 - Digitalisation and platformisation
 - Rethinking the 'market' in the light of the green transition, the energy transition and sustainability goals in general
 - Security, defence, and geopolitical pressures
 - Free movement of persons, citizenship, LGBTQI+ rights, and fundamental rights
 - The rule of law, democracy, the coherence of EU internal market law, and socio-economic inequality
 - Disinformation, misinformation, the Digital Services Act, AI, and fundamental rights
 - Future-proofing European agriculture, food-systems and supply chains
 - The common agricultural policy
 - The interplay between agriculture, technology, intellectual property, healthy food and sustainable production

Submission and participation

The call for papers is open to colleagues from Ius Commune partner institutions (KU Leuven, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Universiteit Utrecht, Universiteit Maastricht) as well as prospective partner institutions (Universiteit Antwerpen, UHasselt, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen). We also welcome a number of outside presenters from other institutions, particularly doctoral candidates and early-career researchers. Please note that outside presenters are subject to the applicable Ius Commune Conference fee of €250,-.

Researchers wishing to present their work are invited to submit an abstract (max. 300 words) to Laura Frederika Lalikova (l.f.lalikova@uu.nl) and Ruben Verdoodt (ruben.verdoodt@kuleuven.be) by Friday **2 October 2026**. All contributions and presentations must be in English.

We also invite expressions of interest for the role of discussants. When contacting us, please indicate your area of expertise. To facilitate meaningful discussion, accepted speakers will be asked to submit an extended abstract or draft paper, which will be circulated approximately two weeks prior to the workshop.

The workshop is organised by Laura Frederika Lalikova, Gabriël van Rosmalen, Emma Dewulf and Ruben Verdoodt, with the guidance and under the coordination of KU Leuven and Universiteit Utrecht researchers Wouter Devroe (wouter.devroe@kuleuven.be), Anna Gerbrandy (a.gerbrandy@uu.nl) and Sybe de Vries (s.a.devries@uu.nl).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Laura Frederika Lalikova (l.f.lalikova@uu.nl).

We look forward to receiving your contributions and meeting you in Leuven!