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Dispute resolution and enforcement of competition law in cross-border cases in the digital era: legal remedies for consumers and SMEs

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ABSTRACT

For the purposes of this online seminar, I will draw on Richard Posner's article 'Antitrust in the New Economy'. In this article, he takes the view that "cases in the new economy present unusually difficult questions of fact because of the technical complexity of the products and services produced by new-economy industries", which poses the question how suited the present institutional architecture is. Following Posner's line of reasoning, I shall briefly outline the main features of the EU institutional framework in so far as this may be central to improving injured parties' access to effective legal remedies.

A reform of the EU judicial system may well be overdue. The idea to revise the EU legal system for the judges to more appropriately deal with competition law cases was first put forward in the 2000 Report of the Working Party on the Future of the European Communities' Court System. 22 years later, the question is: Do the technological developments (and increasingly important aspects in relation to digital markets) strengthen a case for a specialised EU court where the follow-on antitrust damages claims may be centralised? Given that the public enforcement proceedings in major EU

competition law cases are often centralised before the European Commission, is there a compelling case for a pan-EU collective redress mechanism with a view to improving injured parties' access to effective and efficient legal remedies in cross-border competition law cases?

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