

COMPETITION LAW IN WESTERN BALKANS

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About this book

This book provides a comprehensive analysis of competition law and policy in the Western Balkans by assembling and examining reports from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia. It explores the evolution of competition law and policy in these jurisdictions and assesses the extent to which their domestic legislation aligns with the EU competition acquis.

Our research takes a bottom-up approach, focusing on the unique challenges faced by each jurisdiction within the context of their respective legal traditions. The volume includes institutional and enforcement empirical data collected and analyzed for the period 2012-2022, offering original insights into the development of competition law systems in these countries.

The book addresses a range of issues, including the historical development of competition law and policy in the Western Balkans countries; their institutional and legislative frameworks; the peculiarities of the national competition law systems that significantly differ from the EU acquis; the features that have been amended in the process of European integration; the application of domestic and EU competition rules by national competition authorities; enforcement and sanctioning statistics; judicial review; private enforcement of competition rules, and future challenges.

This edited volume provides an authoritative and rigorous overview of competition law and policy in the Western Balkans, making it of interest to academics, students, and practitioners in the field of competition law.

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Abstract

This chapter presents a comprehensive analysis of the Macedonian competition law landscape spanning from 2012 to 2022, a period of significant legal, regulatory, and economic change. It delves into the institutional framework, explores national specifics, and analyses enforcement by the Commission for the Protection of Competition (hereinafter CPC) and courts in North Macedonia. By examining the data available from the CPC and the case law, this research provides insights into the enforcement, trends, and challenges surrounding competition law during this transformative decade. Judicial review, private enforcement, and the current landscape of competition law are scrutinised, offering a thorough assessment. By exploring these aspects, the chapter contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of the Macedonian competition law framework, emphasising the key role of enforcement, and presenting a nuanced perspective on the CPC's evolving priorities.