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Discipline: Applied Economics

Title: The main research question for Brussels Center for Competition Policy

Abstract: How can we advance national and European competition policies in a methodologically sound manner, looking particularly at legal soundness and consistency, the treatment of efficiencies and sector-specific considerations and political aspects?

Examples of sub questions that merit attention are:

How to conduct ex ante and ex post assessments?

What are the effects of competition policy on markets, but also on societies?

Is the application of competition policy consistent across its main pillars and across the 28 Member States and when this is not the case, why so?

How can we carry out meaningful comparative research over different geographical areas?

What should be the place of other public interest considerations such as environmental protection, privacy and diversity/pluralism within competition policy?

Which welfare standard is most appropriate in a rapidly changing environment where several public interest considerations frequently surface?

What is the influence of procedures and how can they be improved?

What is the optimal combination level between public and private enforcement?

How can we contribute to and support a competition policy in developing economies (e.g. Asian and African countries)?

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