

## Editorial foreword

The Editorial Board is pleased to present the 16<sup>th</sup> volume of the Yearbook of Antitrust and Regulatory Studies (YARS 2017, 10(16)). This is the only ‘regular’ volume of YARS to be published in 2017 – a second volume, dedicated to problems related to the implementation of Directive 2014/104/EU, has a status of a ‘special’ volume. Starting from 2014, despite its formal name, YARS is a semi-annual journal.

This volume of YARS focuses mainly on antitrust issues, although not solely in a legal sense. The starting article, written by Sofia Oliveira Pais, focuses on the tension between competition law and intellectual property rights in cases involving standard essential patents.

Miroslava Marinova and Kremena Yaneva-Ivanova analyze problems related to the abuse of a dominant position on regulated energy markets in Bulgaria. The article by Dalia Višinskienė and Justina Nasutavičienė concerns modifications to concentrations illustrated by a *Gazprom* case before the Lithuanian competition authority and courts. Next, Katarzyna Sadrak writes about interpretation of jurisdiction clauses by the EU courts and the Polish experience of interpreting the scope of arbitration agreements in the field of unfair competition law. Raimundas Moisejevas and Danielius Urbonas present a thorough view upon the single economic unity doctrine under the EU or Lithuanian law and jurisprudence.

Then articles on economic aspects of market competition appear. Zbigniew Jurczyk delivers a paper on efficiency concerns in the application of competition law.

A paper by Marcin Król closes the articles section with a presentation of evidence of head-on open access competition on the market of long-distance passenger rail services in Poland in 2009–2015.

The second section of the Yearbook is devoted to national legal developments and contains two contributions. Srđana Petronijević and Zoran Soljaga write about the commitment procedure in the Serbian antitrust practice. Subsequently, three authors from Slovakia, Matej Horvat, Hana Magurová, Mária Srebalová, present the framework for consumer protection for rail passengers in their home country.

In addition, the current volume of YARS contains two reviews of antitrust case law. Karolis Kacerauskas provides an extensive comment on judgments of EU courts in cases *T-556/08*, *C-293/15P Slovenská pošta v Commission*. Hanna Stakheyeva and Ertugrul Canbolat presents details of the Turkish competition authority's activities concerning the cement market.

YARS 2017, 10(16) also reviews a book, published by Kluwer International, on the Serbian competition law.

The current volume contains five conference reports from events that took place in 2016 and 2017: Polish conferences on the energy sector and consumer protection in rail transport, a Polish-Portuguese PhD students' antitrust seminar, an antitrust aviation seminar, as well as the Annual Conference on European State Aid Law 2016. The current volume also provides a detailed CARS activity report for 2016 as well as a report on the plans and activities of sector-specific laboratories operating within CARS.

The Editorial Board would like to take this opportunity to encourage potential authors interested in competition law and regulatory issues in the CEE countries, the Balkans and the Caucasus to take part in the preparation of the forthcoming volumes of YARS.

A call for papers will be announced shortly on the YARS website.

Warsaw, December 2017

*Prof. Agata Jurkowska-Gomulka*  
*Adam Jasser*  
YARS Volume Editors