

DIMENSION OF EUROPEAN COMPETITION POLICY AND THE ALBANIAN PRACTICES

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Abstract

This article is focused on analysing the new Albanian competition framework in its efforts to be approximated with European Competition policies. It recommends further steps to be undertaken by Albanian authorities for the modernisation and Europeanisation of its competition law regime.

Competition Policy in the European Union provides different dimensions of the competition control, including restrictive practices policy, monopoly policy, merger policy and state aid policy. In its own competition policy is not an end, but one essential tool to achieve efficient market outcomes and the effort of competition authorities should concentrate on ensuring that those market failures, which can be remedied by public intervention, are addressed effectively.

Competition law is a new concept for Albania, but the law is oriented towards European Competition legislation on competition regulation including Regulation 1/2003.

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