Preface

The present volume represents one of the outcomes of the project ‘European Networking and Training for National Competition Enforcers’ (ENTraNCE). The project is organized by the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) of the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy. ENTraNCE organizes training, research and policy debates in the field of competition law and economics. The project includes two dimensions: ‘ENTraNCE’ addressed to officials from National Competition Authorities (NCAs), law firms, economics consultancies and private companies, and ‘ENTraNCE for Judges’, which targets national judges from the EU Member States. Over 200 national judges from 24 EU Member States have attended this training programme since 2011. The programme includes both residential training in Florence as well as online activities. Each year the training focuses on a different aspect of competition law enforcement that is relevant to the national judiciary. The training is co-financed by DG Competition of the European Commission.

The present volume represents the final outcome of the fifth edition of ENTraNCE for Judges. ENTraNCE for Judges 2015 focused on emerging trends in abuse of dominance, analyzed from a law and economics perspective. The present volume includes contributions from the speakers who intervened in the context of the residential training of ENTraNCE for Judges 2015 in Florence. In addition, the three editors of the book have been actively involved in the organization of ENTraNCE Judges since its first edition: Professor Parcu is the Director of the programme; Professor Monti acts as Scientific Coordinator; finally, Dr Botta deals with the organization of the residential and online activities of the training programme.

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