

# **„The Digital Markets Act in the light of the regulatory objectives of European competition policy “**

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The draft Digital Markets Act presented by the EU Commission in December 2020, instead of the "New Competition Tool" announced in the summer of 2020, mainly contains regulations for digital gatekeepers and is - surprisingly for some - complementary to European competition law. The Commission is entering new regulatory territory both with the link to the previously unknown (in the legal-technical sense) concept of the gatekeeper and with the introduction of ex-ante regulation. The lecture provides a basic classification of the DMA-E and shows the most important details of the regulatory content. It is shown that the enactment of the proposed DMA would in principle be a step in the right direction, but that the still upcoming standard-setting process should be used for improvements. The presentation also examines the regulatory purposes of the DMA and compares them with the traditional goals of competition policy.