



## Final report

### International Workshop and Talents to Talents Cooperation on the Digital Markets Act as a Key Instrument for the European Digital Economy

20th – 21st November 2025, Mikulov

The main output of the project was the organisation of a joint international workshop entitled International Workshop and Talents to Talents Cooperation on the Digital Markets Act as a Key Instrument for the European Digital Economy. The workshop took place in Mikulov on 20th–21st November 2025.

The workshop built upon the successful cooperation established between the Faculty of Law, Palacký University in Olomouc and the Faculty of Law, University of Vienna in 2024. Its primary aim was to further strengthen this cooperation while providing a specialised academic forum focused on the Digital Markets Act (DMA) as a central instrument for ensuring a competitive, fair and innovative European digital economy.

The programme of the workshop combined expert lectures, structured student presentation sessions with in-depth feedback from senior academics, and dedicated Talents-to-Talents (T2T) discussion sessions. This mixed format placed students at the core of the academic exchange, encouraging them to actively engage in critical discussion, present their research, and develop their analytical and presentation skills in an international academic environment.

During the workshop, students presented their research topics related to the Digital Markets Act, its interaction with other areas of EU digital regulation, and broader questions of digital competition, governance, and fundamental rights. Each presentation was followed by expert feedback and discussion led by the participating academic staff. This format enabled students to refine their research questions, improve methodological approaches, and gain valuable insights for their future academic work.

The academic level of the workshop was ensured by the involvement of experienced experts from both participating institutions. The programme included also expert lecture which provided a theoretical framework for the student sessions and stimulated further discussion throughout the workshop.

An important part of the programme was the Talents-to-Talents (T2T) discussion session, which offered a dedicated space for students and early-career researchers to exchange perspectives on digital competition, regulation, innovation and artificial intelligence. The T2T format supported collaborative thinking and contributed to the long-term objective of fostering international research cooperation and the potential development of joint research outputs.

Thematically, the workshop responded to current societal and strategic needs in the Czech Republic, Austria and the European Union. By focusing on the Digital Markets Act and its broader regulatory context, the project addressed pressing questions related to the power of digital gatekeepers, market fairness, consumer protection, technological innovation and the



rule of law in the digital environment. The workshop thus directly contributed to the education and professional development of a new generation of legal experts specialising in digital law.

Part of the workshop programme was also dedicated to discussion on future cooperation between the participating faculties. Both institutions confirmed their interest in continuing and deepening their collaboration, particularly in the areas of joint research activities, student and doctoral education, preparation of joint project applications and co-authored scientific publications. The workshop was perceived as an important step in building a sustainable framework for long-term academic cooperation.

Overall, both participating institutions agreed that the objectives of the project were fully achieved. The workshop provided a high-quality academic platform, supported student development, strengthened existing institutional ties and created new opportunities for future cooperation. Both partners expressed their appreciation for the support provided under the Aktion scheme and their interest in continuing this successful collaboration in the coming years.

#### Dissemination of the project outcome:

Information about the workshop and its outcomes will be disseminated through the communication channels of both participating faculties, including institutional websites and professional social networks: Faculty of Law, Palacký University, University of Vienna, LinkedIn.

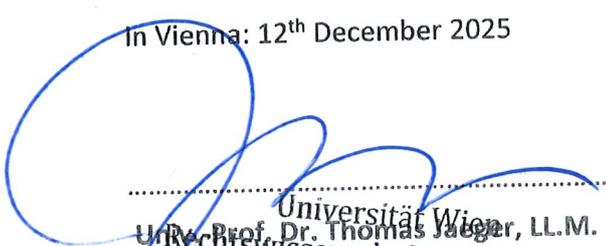
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In Olomouc: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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Annex 1: Working plan of the workshop

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## Annex 1:

### Working plan of the workshop

#### International Workshop and Talents to Talents Cooperation on topic: The Digital Markets Act as a key instrument for European digital economy

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#### Time Schedule | Activity | Responsibility

##### 1<sup>st</sup> day - 20th November 2025

**Till 13:00 | Arrival and check-in | All participants**

**13:00-14:00 | Lunch**

**14:00-14:30 | Opening Session - Welcome and introduction to the workshop |**  
Assoc. Prof. Blanka Vítová (Palacký University), Prof. Thomas Jaeger (University of Vienna)

**14:30-16:00 Students session 1: Student Presentations + Feedback and evaluation | Students  
& academic staff**

- Roos Fransen: Introduction to the DMA and its role in the digital internal market
- Kristina Hrbková: The Digital Markets Act and Digital Services Act as Pillars of Digital Constitutionalism: Do They Help to Protect Us from Internet Shutdowns and Platform Blocking?
- Anja Kosmrlyj: DMA compared with US competition law
- Andrea Jacobs: Big Tech vs. The EU: A Battle for the Digital Future
- Kerstin Schatz: Interaction of DMA and emerging technologies
- Katka Vavřinová: Fairness by Design? Technocratic Governance under the AI Act and the Digital Markets Act

**16:00-16:30 | Coffee Break**

**16:30-18:00 | Students Session 2: Student Presentations + Feedback and evaluation |  
Students & academic staff**

- Adnan Tokic: Obligations and prohibitions for gatekeepers
- Pavlo Burdiak: When platforms interconnect: DMA interoperability, conflicting rules, and shared liability
- Constanze Liebl: Enforcement and Sanctions in the DMA and cooperation between the Commission and national authorities
- Martin Cáhlik: The problematic aspect of ex ante regulation under the Digital Markets act (Commission v. Apple).
- Patrik Marek: Case Study for the Apple App Store Case (AT.40437)
- Gökçe Kanbur: Redesigning Digital Markets: Combating Dark Patterns through Law and Design



**18:00-19:00 | First expert lecture: *The Gatekeepers – Sovereignty or Suzerainty in the Digital Market Regulation?* | Expert Speaker, prof. Tomáš Gábriš**

The notion of digital sovereignty suggests a need for re-assessment of the traditional notion of sovereignty. However, despite bold libertarian expectations of freedom of cyberspace at its very beginning, the actual practice witnessed rather the traditional legal regulation entering the cyberspace. Hence, one could similarly boil digital sovereignty down to being “only” the traditional sovereignty exerted over digital elements and digital content. The major difference in comparison with the traditional “analogue” sovereignty might then lie only in the fact of a need for faster and more flexible grasping of new digital phenomena. This already happens nowadays – via newly designed agile legal tools applied by a cascade of intermediaries – mostly public administration bodies and private gatekeepers. Still, the most important gatekeepers themselves seem to be keen to introduce and enforce their own notion of digital sovereignty, trying to escape the legal regulation by traditional (state) sovereigns. The almost forgotten concept of suzerainty thus resurfaces again.

**19:00-20:00 | Dinner**

**20:00-22:00 | Academic Networking Evening** - Discussion on future research collaborations and career opportunities in digital law | Students & academic staff

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day - 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

**9:30-10:30 | Students session 3: Student Presentations + Feedback and evaluation |**  
Students & academic staff

- Natalia Slosiarová: From Case Law to AI Governance: Unpacking the Right to Mental Integrity in Europe
- Martin Szabó: Constitutional Court vs TikTok: Annulled Elections and the Question of Democratic Integrity
- Stela Košťálová: CJEU Jurisprudence in the digital area, particularly cybersecurity (PhD project presentation)

**10:30-11:00 | Coffee Break**

**11:00-11:30 | Second Expert Lecture: *Responsibility of intelligent systems in the context of the Digital Market* | expert speaker dr. Zoltán Gyurász**

The term "responsible artificial intelligence" is frequently (over)used by the industry, in the context of new technologies. However, this term's precise meaning remains quite ambiguous. The plurality of possible interpretations of the term causes ambiguity and vagueness, as various conceptions of responsibility are inherently associated with the individuals involved in the development and implementation of intelligent technologies. This paper focuses on the main legal and philosophical impacts of the notion of "responsible intelligent systems" from the point of a competitive and fair European digital economy.

**11:30-12:00 | Coffee Break**

**12:00-13:00 | T2T Discussion: *Digital Competition, Regulation, Innovations, AI and beyond* |**  
Students & early career researchers/post-docs

**13:00 |** Closing remarks & discussion on future projects

**13:30 –** End of workshop



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**ATTENDANCE LIST – Faculty of Law, Palacký University**

| Full name          | Role     | Attendance on 20th<br>November 2025 (Signature) | Attendance on 21st<br>November 2025 (Signature) |
|--------------------|----------|---|---|
| Ondrej Hamulák     | Academic |   |   |
| Blanka Vítová      | Academic |   |   |
| Jozef Andraško     | Academic |   |   |
| Tomáš Gábriš       | Academic |   |   |
| Zoltán Gyurász     | Academic | -----   | -----   |
| Pavlo Burdiak      | Student  |   |   |
| Martin Cáhlik      | Student  |   |   |
| Kristina Hrbková   | Student  |   |   |
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| Roos Fransen    | Student  |   |   |
| Anja Košmrlj    | Student  |   |   |
| Kerstin Schatz  | Student  |   |   |
| Patrik Marek    | Student  |   |   |