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The evolvement of online platforms over the past decade has profoundly impacted consumers and business owners by facilitating and enhancing the intermediation and interaction between them. This allowed online platforms to continuously evolve as key players in the digital market. It was, however, not long before concerns were raised as to whether this process is unfolding in accordance with EU antitrust law and if not, whether EU antitrust law enforcement is feasible in light of the distinguishing multisided character of online platforms.

This book consists of a compilation of articles that address some of the main elements of the application process of EU antitrust law to online platforms, with particular focus on art. 102 TFEU. It provides an overview of the various legal hurdles that need to be overcome in the process of enforcement with regard to such players and offers potential solutions for overcoming them. In this process, the interplay between the material and procedural boundaries of the current EU antitrust law framework and the distinguishing multisided nature of online platforms is extensively explored. The research and findings covered in this book are of value for academics and practitioners working in the field of (EU) antitrust law.

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