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EU competition policy contributes to spurring the competitiveness of the EU economy and of European companies, to the benefit of EU consumers. It enables growth, promotes efficiency and stimulates innovation. It also fosters wider choice and – ultimately – contributes to lower prices.

EU competition rules apply without discrimination to all economic operators, irrespective of their origin, nationality or place of establishment, in cases where their activities impact the internal market.

It is generally acknowledged that EU competition rules work well overall. This does not mean that there may not be room for improvement. The Commission regularly examines its competition tools, adapting them where appropriate to ensure that they continue to fulfil their role in preserving competition in the internal market. For example, it is currently reflecting on future challenges of digitisation for competition policy.