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Workshop on

Cross-competition among information (digital) platforms. Should we avoid global information monopolies? And what place for European platforms?

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 15:00 - 18:30
European Parliament, Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, Room 3G2

Organised by the **Policy Department A for the ITRE committee**

Opening

15:00 15:15 Welcome speech by Jerzy BUZEK,
MEP, Chairman of the ITRE committee

The key challenges for competition and innovation in digital markets

15:15 15:25 Do Internet monopolies inhibit innovation?
Paul DE BIJL, professor Regulatory Economics at the WHU Otto
Beisheim School of Management (Düsseldorf, Germany).

15:25 15:35 or do digital business models foster innovation?
Pal BELENYESI, professor at John Cabot University (Rome, Italy)

15:35 15:50 Discussion

Keynote

15:50 16:05 Competition issues in the digitalised economy
Prof Massimo MOTTA, Chief economist, European Commission, DG
Competition

What are the chances for a strong European digital industry?

16:05 16:20 Chances for European leadership in the new digital era
Simon HAMPTON, Director at Technology Policy Advocates

16:20 16:30 Why is the European telecom sector under huge pressure?
Marc BOURREAU, Professor of Economics at Telecom ParisTech,
(Paris, France)

16:30 16:40 How can European telecom operators become Europe's digital
market leaders?
Richard FEASEY, Director of Fronfraith Ltd

16:40 17:15 Discussion

What is the role of Internet monopolies in the 21th century economy?

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| 17:15 | 17:30 | Are Internet monopolies inevitably the rulers of the future economy and with what consequences?
Andrea RENDA, Senior Researcher, CEPS |
| 17:30 | 18:00 | Discussion |

How to strengthen Europe's competitiveness

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| 18:00 | 18:15 | Views from the European Commission
Anthony WHELAN, Director DG CONNECT |
| 18:15 | 18:30 | Discussion |

Closing remarks by the Chair