





CALL FOR PAPERS – DEADLINE: 31 May 2003

First Workshop of the Research Training Network COMPETITION POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

Toulouse, October 17-18, 2003

On behalf of the organizers, Eric Avenel (University of Grenoble) Marc Ivaldi, Bruno Jullien, Patrick Rey, Lucien Rapp (all from the University of Toulouse), I am writing to invite you to submit a paper proposal for, or express your interest in attending, the First Workshop of the Research Training Network (RTN) on COMPETITION POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS, to be held in Toulouse on October 17-18, 2003, and hosted by the University of Toulouse and Institut D'Economie Industrielle.

This conference will provide a forum for international researchers, as well as network members, to present and discuss their current theoretical and empirical work in this field. The conference will focus on three topics: (i) The nature of competition in international markets; (ii) Economic integration and the international architecture of competition policy; and (iii) The political economy of competition policy.

As one objective of the RTN is to promote exchange and cooperation between economists and lawyers, the organizers encourage the submission of papers dealing with legal issues of competition policy.

Papers will be selected by a Scientific Committee that includes, in addition to the local organizers: Patrick Legros (ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR), Damien Neven (Graduate Institute of International Economics and CEPR), Pierre Régibeau (University of Essex and CEPR), Lars-Hendrik Röller (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung and CEPR, Konrad Stahl (Universität Manheim and CEPR), Johan Stennek (Industriens Utredningsinstitut and CEPR), Hausman (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Frank Verboven (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and CEPR).

Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered for all participants according to the usual CEPR travel guidelines, but if you could contribute to the costs of your attendance from a research grant at your disposal this would free up space for someone else. Please indicate on your reply form whether you will be able to cover your own travel costs, or whether you will require funding from CEPR.

It may not be possible to accept all applications to attend this conference. We would thus like you to simply confirm your interest in attending the meeting at this stage and indicate whether or not you wish to present a paper.

Please do this by completing the enclosed reply form indicating whether or not you wish to present a paper, or would be willing to act as a discussant, and return this to Janet Seabrook at CEPR by email at jseabrook@cepr.org, or by fax on +44 20 7878 2999. All applications must reach Janet by **31 May 2003**. If you would like to submit a paper, please include an abstract with your reply form. The programme and list of participants will be confirmed in July 2003.

Yours sincerely

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