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Magali Eben is a doctoral candidate at the University of Leeds, School of Law (United Kingdom), under the supervision of Prof. Pinar Akman and Prof. Peter Whelan. She obtained her Bachelor and Master’s degrees from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (‘VUB’, Brussels, Belgium), as well as an LLM in Comparative Corporate and Financial Law from the University of Leeds. She has provided research assistance in the areas of European law, business law and competition law, as well as done legal internships in both the United Kingdom and Belgium. Before embarking on the adventure that is a PhD, she was actively engaged in the running of a career network for entrepreneurial women, an experience which taught her much about both business and interpersonal relations.

Magali is interested in competition law/antitrust, which is also the focus of her PhD research, as well as big data and privacy issues. Her dissertation centres on the potential for abuse of dominance by online platforms within the remit of EU competition law. It studies issues that go beyond the European context, as they may become pressing in all jurisdictions in which big Internet companies operate, including the USA. A major hurdle for finding either dominance in the EU or monopoly power in the US is the difficulty of market definition for online businesses. Additionally, it is necessary to take into account the increasing importance of data in e-commerce. These two issues form the current focus of Magali’s research.