

Abstract in English

This master's thesis is concerned with collective redress mechanisms in the area of competition law of the European Union. Taking into account the ongoing modernization of private enforcement of competition law, the European Commission had decided to create a complementary system of collective and representative actions. Implementation of such instruments was recommended by the European Commission in Commission Recommendation of 11 June 2013 on common principles for injunctive and compensatory collective redress mechanisms in the Member States concerning violations of rights granted under Union Law.

The main research question of this thesis is whether the European Commission has taken a wise approach towards collective redress mechanisms by creating the complementary system of collective redress, using the opt-in mechanism.

This master's thesis is divided into 5 main chapters. In the first chapter, the readers are introduced to the topic of enforcement of competition law in the European Union. Further, the main research question is laid down, followed by the sources and methodology used in this thesis. The second chapter shortly describes each way of enforcement of competition law in the European Union. It aims mainly at describing private enforcement of competition law, as it forms the essential legal basis for collective redress. However, the main interest of the thesis lies in the third chapter, which is concerned with the topic of collective actions. After a short introduction to the topic, evolution of the European discussion on collective redress mechanisms is presented. Different forms of collective actions are further discussed in this chapter, and attention is also paid to *opt-in* and *opt-out* mechanisms. The fourth chapter discusses main issues in damages actions and collective actions, which are often found in collective redress mechanisms and concludes whether the introduction of a collective redress mechanisms is capable of overcoming such issues. The master's thesis ends with a conclusion in the fifth chapter, which presents partial conclusions of each chapter and answers the main research question.