

Hosting offer for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) 2022 at Research Group Business and Law at the University of Antwerp

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The Research Group Business and Law of the University of Antwerp invites motivated postdoctoral researchers to jointly prepare an application for the [MSCA-PF-2022 call Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) call ([MSCA-PF-2022](#)) with them as host organisation.

Description of Hosting organisation/group

The University of Antwerp is a young, dynamic and forward-thinking university. It integrates the assets of its historical roots with its ambition to contribute positively to society.

The Research Group Business and Law aims to perform high-quality legal-scientific research concerning the relationship between business and law. Its research focus is on how the legal system can regulate business and facilitate good governance of and in business in the context of (de-)globalization, digitalization and sustainability. The Research Group comprises three units (1. company and insolvency law, 2. economic and labour law, and 3. tax law) and participates in interdisciplinary and interuniversity collaboration, including through the DigiTax Centre of Excellence and the Institute for Consumer Law. More information can be found here: <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/research-groups/business-and-law/>.

Topics/expertise

*We welcome postdoctoral candidates studying the legal aspects of the use of **artificial intelligence (AI) in online commerce**. Potential topics could comprise the regulation of the use of AI by online platforms (e.g. for the dynamic setting of prices, for the tracking of users and the ranking of results, etc.) as well as the use of AI by regulators to monitor and enforce compliance with economic regulation.*

The research would be supervised by prof. dr. Jan Blockx, whose research covers amongst other topics: collusion by algorithms under European competition law, the legal status of consumers on peer-to-peer platforms, the proposal for a Digital Market Acts, etc. The supervisor combines his academic research in these fields with practical experience, currently as assessor at the Belgian Competition Authority and previously as a private practice lawyer.

*We also welcome postdoctoral candidates studying the legal aspects of **smart urban mobility, smart logistics and B2c delivery chains**. Potential topics could comprise the regulation of smart urban mobility, smart logistics and B2c delivery chains as well as social law questions and questions of risk distribution in these fields. Also interdisciplinary proposals in this fields are very much welcomed.*

The research would be supervised by prof. dr. Wouter Verheyen, who supervises a research team of 12 PhDs in mobility, logistics, platform economy and labour law and who is promotor of multiple (inter)national projects in these fields.

Your profile

- A PhD in law as well as a research track in fields related to the topic described above.
- You must have a completed PhD at the time of the call deadline (14 September 2022).
- Candidates must have a maximum of 8 years full-time research experience from the PhD award date until September 14, 2022. Periods of inactivity in research (e.g. unemployment, periods of employment outside research, parental or sick leave) do not count towards the time of research experience.
- For European fellowships, candidates can be of any nationality and must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Belgium for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before September 14, 2022.
- Highly motivated candidate with an excellent research track record appropriate to career stage, as evidenced by academic publications and other scientific output.

What we offer

- Support and guidance for the preparation of your MSCA PF proposal
- A stimulating, interdisciplinary environment for high-level research.

How to apply?

Indicate your interest by contacting the host institution as follows:

Please contact prof. dr. Jan Blockx or prof. dr. Wouter Verheyen by e-mail with a short CV and motivation to indicate your interest to prepare a MSCA-PF application.

After the supervisor agrees to support you as a MSCA-PF candidate, you can start preparation of MSCA PF project proposal and will be supported further by the supervisor and the Research Support Office of the host university.

For more information on the MSCA PF scheme or the host institution, you can contact the MSCA coordinator of the University of Antwerp: Dr. Liesbet Cockx (Research, Innovation & Valorisation Antwerp, Grants Office): Liesbet.cockx@uantwerpen.be