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This volume collects the proceedings of the 10th Conference on “Antitrust between EU Law and National Law”, organized in Treviso on 17-18 May 2012 by the European Lawyers Union (UAE), the Associazione Italiana per la Tutela della Concorrenza, the Associazione Italiana dei Giuristi d’Impresa (AIGI), the European Company Lawyers Association (ECLA), the Associazione Antitrust Italiana (AAI) and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence of the University of Milan. This Conference marked the 20th anniversary of this initiative, which started back in the 1990ies and, as Enrico A. Raffaelli correctly underlines in his introduction to the volume, has established itself as the European pendant to the Fordham Conference.

The 2012 Treviso Conference, like the previous ones, has proven an extraordinary opportunity for a stimulating debate on the most critical and topical antitrust issues that were presented and discussed by eminent academics, judges, professionals, in-house counsels and experts from many countries, as well as EU and national authorities’ board members and officers.

The first session was devoted to the private enforcement of competition rules and in particular to the assessment and liquidation by national courts of damages caused by antitrust infringements, seen through both the economic and the legal lenses. Public enforcement issues were addressed in the fourth session, where the extension of judicial scrutiny in reviewing the antitrust authorities’ decisions was thoroughly analysed, also with reference to the consequences of Menarini judgment of the European Court of Human Rights. The powers of the Italian Competition Authority and of the European Commission were discussed in that same session from the perspective of the authorities, while the view of the undertakings on their relationship with the antitrust agencies was presented in the fifth session. A whole session was devoted to the antitrust issues in the large-scale distribution sector, where the authorities and the business compared their respective approaches and expectations. The final session tackled the “hottest” current issues in the field of merger control, i.e. cross shareholding, interlocking and minority share holdings, as well as the instruments and achievements of international cooperation. The international dimension of competition law was the specific title of the third session, with a glance into the future, but like in the previous Conferences much attention was devoted to

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the international and comparative analysis in all sessions.

Because of the variety of topics addressed and of the width of the speakers’ experience and competence, and – last but not least – of the continuous and enthusiastic commitment of the organizers, the 2012 Conference was the tenth success in a line, of which this volume is the written evidence.²