

Sophie is a competition economist with a strong focus on policy and regulation, particularly as it relates to competition on digital markets.

This interest started when she wrote a MSc thesis developing a model about competition on online markets with zero-price goods. She continued to work on this topic at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy of the Netherlands. There, she analysed the extent to which competition law was still fit for purpose to deal with new business models in the digital economy and wrote several articles on related topics for Dutch (policy) publications. This analysis led her subsequently to give shape to Dutch policy proposals to the European Commission for ex ante regulation of platforms with a gatekeeper position. After the DMA was proposed, she defended the Dutch position in the Council negotiations together with a colleague from the Permanent Representation. Besides digital regulation, Sophie concerned herself with various other files relating to competition policy, particularly but not limited to its relation to healthcare policy. Currently, she is a Seconded National Expert to the European Commission at DG COMP, where she is one of the members of the DMA Task Force.