

# Coordinated effects

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## Coordinated effects – practice

- UK

Considered several times but no SLC under the EA;

- EU

Need to have a coherent framework within which to assess all evidence including market outcomes (Impala judgment; ABF/GBI);

- US

Long history of coordinated effects but few recent cases (Arch Coal).

## Coordinated effects – some theory issues

- (Roundtable transcripts on CC/OFT websites)
- Some established theoretical ground
  - Theory of incentives to coordinate.
- But some limitations too:
  - Does not address the process of reaching an agreement;
  - Coordination in practice not a binary (in/out) strategy;
  - Few regularities from comparative statics.
- Need to assess evidence in relation to a “story of collusion” (eg the role of symmetry)

# Coordinated effects - guidance

