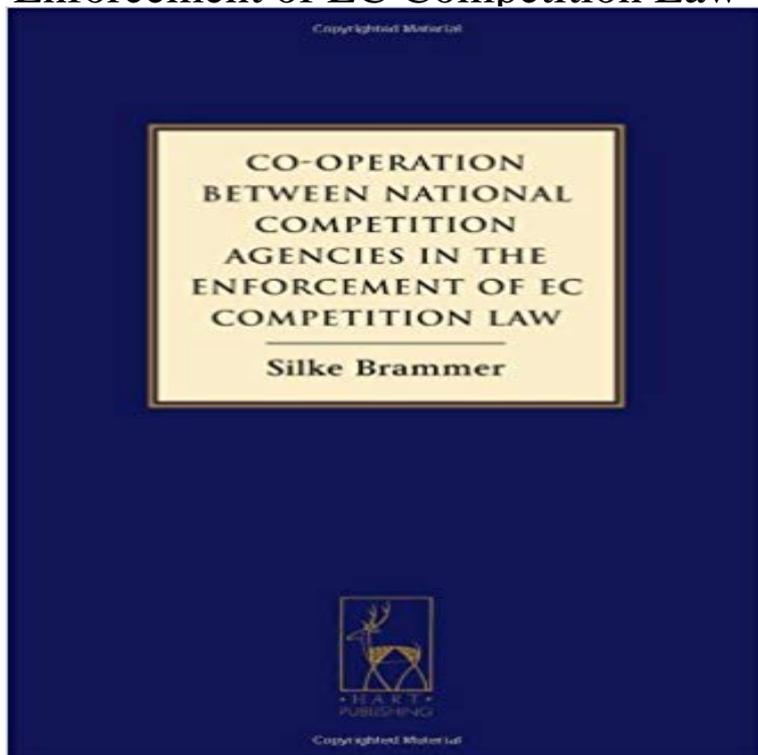


# Co-operation between National Competition Agencies in the Enforcement of EC Competition Law



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