

Press Release

Proposed merger between Groupe TF1 and Groupe M6: Case team of the French competition authority has issued its report

Luxembourg/Cologne, 26 July 2022 – In the framework of the review of the proposed merger between Groupe TF1 and Groupe M6, the case team of the French competition authority (Autorité de la Concurrence) has issued its report.

In this report, which does not prejudice the final decision by the Board (Collège) of the authority, the case team considers that the proposed transaction raises significant competition concerns (in particular on the advertising market). The nature and scope of the remedies required in the report of the case team would render the parties' proposal irrelevant, in which case the parties would withdraw it.

The parties – who intend to maintain their proposal as presented – will respond to the competition authority within the next three weeks. The hearings before the Board of the French competition authority are scheduled for 5 and 6 September 2022.

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