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On 11 July 2023, Canal Plus Group notified the *Autorité de la concurrence* of its plan to acquire exclusive control of OCS and Orange Studio.

During its investigation, the *Autorité* held many discussions with Canal Plus Group. It also conducted extensive market consultation, sending out questionnaires to dozens of operators in the sector and holding a number of hearings. In addition, it held discussions with the French Regulatory Authority for Audiovisual and Digital Communication (*Autorité de régulation de la communication audiovisuelle et numérique* – ARCOM) and the French Directorate General for Media and Cultural Industries.

After examining the transaction, the *Autorité* has cleared the acquisition subject to conditions. To address the risks of harm to competition identified, Canal Plus Group has entered into commitments, in particular to preserve the diversity of the French cinema offering.

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