

Three-party Chats on Mergers

The Mergers Unit of the *Autorité de la concurrence* co-organises seminars with students and law or economics firms to present and discuss hot topics in merger control.

First edition of the Three-party Chats on Mergers, a new format of seminars on merger control

The poster features a dark blue background with orange and white text. At the top, the title 'THREE-PARTY CHATS ON MERGERS' is written in large, bold letters, with 'THREE-PARTY CHATS' in orange and 'ON MERGERS' in white. Below the title, the subtitle 'Status and role of the monitoring trustee' is in white. The main content is organized into three white rounded rectangles on the left, each with a blue circle containing a white right-pointing arrow. The first rectangle mentions the Mergers Unit of the *Autorité de la concurrence*. The second mentions a partnership with Linklaters and Nicolas Zacharie. The third mentions student participation from the Competition and Distribution Law master's at Paris 1 and Professor Prieto. On the right side, the text '1ST EDITION' is in white, followed by the date '27 MAY 2025' and time '5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.' in orange, and the location 'at Linklaters 25 rue de Marignan 75008 Paris' in orange. The bottom of the poster has an orange bar with the logos of the *Autorité de la concurrence*, Linklaters, and Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne.

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Status and role of the monitoring trustee

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- > In partnership with Linklaters,
Nicolas Zacharie (Partner)
- > With the participation of students from
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at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University
and the programme director, Professor Prieto

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The first edition of the "Three-party Chats on Mergers" was held on 27 May at the Linklaters office in Paris, with students from the Business Law master's

(Competition and Distribution) at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University, under the direction of Professor Catherine Prieto.

The seminar brought together Jérôme Vidal, Head of the Mergers Unit, and Nicolas Zacharie, lawyer at Linklaters, to discuss "*The status and role of the monitoring trustee in merger control*". A video replay of the discussion will soon be available on the *Autorité* website.

During the seminar, the *Autorité de la concurrence* announced that several requests made by respondents to the public consultation launched on 14 March 2025 could be implemented in the coming months, without any legislative changes to the texts in force:

- the possibility of appointing a monitoring trustee upon submission of the commitments;
- an explanation or reasons for a decision to refuse the approval of a monitoring trustee;
- the systematic organisation of a meeting, at the start of the monitoring of the commitments, with the approved monitoring trustee;
- a systematically formalised procedure for the discharge of the monitoring trustee at the end of its mandate;
- the creation of a dedicated page on the *Autorité* website, presenting the monitoring trustees.



