2025: a year of action for the Autorité de la concurrence

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In 2025, the *Autorité de la concurrence* issued 9 antitrust decisions and imposed €379 million in fines. The key decisions of the year included Decision 25-D-02 sanctioning Apple for abusing its dominant position in the sector for mobile application advertising on iOS terminals (€150 million), Decision 25-D-03 sanctioning no-poach agreements (€29.5 million), Decision 25-D-06 sanctioning Doctolib for abusing its dominant position in the sectors for online appointment booking and remote consultations (€4.7 million), and Decision 25-D-07 sanctioning an anticompetitive agreement in the road fuel distribution sector in Corsica (€187.4 million).

In merger control, the *Autorité* issued a record number of decisions (328 transactions), up 11% on the previous record in 2024 and representing a total transaction value of more than €31 billion. 2025 was once again marked by the transformation of the food retail sector, with the *Autorité* clearing a number of transactions (involving more than 600 stores in total), including: the acquisition of Casino stores by Auchan (25-DCC-65), the acquisition of Auchan stores by Lidl (25-DCC-214), the acquisition of Cora and Match stores by Carrefour (25-DCC-56), and the acquisition of Bio&Co stores by Marcel&Fils (25-DCC-222). No transactions were prohibited and no in-depth Phase 2 examinations were opened.

During the year, the *Autorité* was very active in its advisory role, issuing 17 opinions. In addition to specific opinions on lawyers to the French Administrative Supreme Court (*Conseil d'État*) and French Supreme Court (*Cour de cassation*) (25-A-06) and commissioners of justice (25-A-17), the *Autorité* issued an opinion on the 2015 reform of the freedom of establishment and regulated rates for certain legal professions (25-A-09). At the request of the French government,

parliamentary committees and other independent administrative authorities, the *Autorité* also examined a number of sectors, including veterinary medicines (25-A-12), local and regional public authority property insurance (25-A-04), wood fuel pellets (25-A-13), and agricultural equipment (25-A-15). Moreover, the *Autorité* decided at its own initiative (*ex officio*) to analyse emerging and structing sectors, such as consumer product and service rating systems (25-A-01) and the energy and environmental impact of artificial intelligence (report of 17 December 2025).

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