

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 structuring 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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