

# Purchasing groups: the *Autorité de la concurrence* launches, for the first time, a competitive assessment of the AURA and CONCORDIS buying alliances

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The *Autorité* is launching a competitive assessment of the AURA and CONCORDIS buying alliances, on the basis of Article L. 462-10, II of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*).

The competitive assessment will focus on the effects of the alliances, on the one hand, in the upstream market for the supply of consumer goods and, on the other hand, in the downstream market for the retail distribution of consumer goods. At the same time, the *Autorité* will examine the impact of the alliances on the end consumer, in particular any price cuts in downstream markets.

Interested third parties may send their comments to the Investigation Services of the *Autorité de la concurrence* by email until 6 March 2026 for the AURA alliance (AURA.bilan@autoritedelaconcurrence.fr) and until 31 July 2026 for the CONCORDIS alliance (CONCORDIS.bilan@autoritedelaconcurrence.fr).

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