Green light to the acquisition of the company Softeam by La Poste group

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The Autorité cleared the acquisition of Softeam by La Poste, without making it subject to any special conditions.

Regarding this transaction, the *Autorité* found that, in the last ten years, the IT services markets have been subject to constant innovation and that this must be taken into account.

It looked at whether or not the acquisition of Softeam by Le Groupe La Poste would restrict competition in the markets for IT services, document and data management for third parties and that for colocation services (*data centres*).

The *Autorité* found that the operation does not significantly strengthen the position of the new entity across all these markets, partly due to the presence of many other competitors providing integrated digital services, and partly due to the parties' limited positions in the markets in question.

This transaction is part of Le Groupe La Poste's strategy to diversify its activities, resulting in multiple mergers which have been controlled by the *Autorité de la concurrence.*

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