Podcast

Explore our podcast series “Cartels & Cie”, which takes you behind the scenes of cartel investigations – from the emergence of suspicions and the gathering of evidence to enforcement and sanctions.

The series delves into landmark cartel investigations by the *Autorité de la concurrence*, to the heart of economic scandals involving global companies.

Originally produced in French, the podcast has been translated into English by the *Autorité de la concurrence*. All speakers are voiced by professional actors, and all names remain unchanged.

Season 1

The Laundry Detergent Cartel

For years, France’s four leading laundry detergent manufacturers colluded over the prices and promotions of their products, hiding behind code names and secret meetings. From the cartel being uncovered to the race for leniency, go behind the scenes of the investigation.

Episode 1 — Secret Meetings and Codenames

Episode 2 — The Beginning of the End

Episode 3 — First In, First Out Clean

The Floor Covering Cartel

For years, France's leading floor covering manufacturers colluded over their commercial practices and restricted competition in the sector, extending their collusion even to the environmental performance of their products. From dawn raids to secret phone calls, go behind the scenes of the investigation.

Episode 1 — Raids with Results

Episode 2 — Secret Phone Calls

Episode 3 — In the Hands of Justice

The Road Sign Cartel

Road sign manufacturers rigged public tenders and fixed prices at the expense of the French State and local authorities. From the cartel's internal rules to a dawn raid at a Paris restaurant, follow the investigation that brought the cartel down.

Episode 1 — The Cartel Bible

Episode 2 — Caught Red-Handed at the Restaurant