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On 25 October 2013 the Competition College of the Belgian Competition Authority has cleared the creation of the “Mediahuis” by “Corelio NV” and “Concentra NV” (decision in the case MEDE-C/C-13/0020).

The Competition College decides that the clearance is subject to the following conditions:

The notifying parties agree that all newspapers of the notifying parties should be maintained with a sufficient staff of journalists and/or correspondents and directed on content by their own board of editors. These boards should consist for each of the papers at least of fulltime persons working specifically for that paper for each of the following functions:

- an editor in chief,
- a commentator,
- a chief responsible for final editing,
- a political or regional editor,
- a person responsible for the design of the paper.

The notifying parties also agree to guarantee the distribution of “de Gazet van Antwerpen” for its readers and advertisers in the province of Antwerp, with a sufficient regional and local news coverage.

The agreement is valid for 5 years.



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