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### **The acquisition by Mediahuis of the control over Corelio Connect Noord and other companies, and the joint control over De Vijver Media and other companies**

The Competition College of the Belgian Competition Authority has on 26 April 2017 approved the acquisition by Mediahuis NV of the control over Corelio Connect Noord, Vlaams-Brabantse Mediamaatschappij, Concentra Media Nederland, Digital Media Facilities, De Buren, Coldset Printing Partners and the printing order portfolios of Corelio and Concentra, as well as the joint control over De Vijver Media, De Vijver, Nostalgie, Vlaanderen Eén, Mass Transit Media, Regionale TV Media and Exuvis.

This acquisition is a next step in the streamlining of the media activities of the notifying parties in Mediahuis.

The Competition College examined the impact of the transaction on the national market for Dutch language Belgian paid newspapers, including on-line but excluding business newspapers; the national market for national advertisements in Dutch language newspapers (including business), non-paid papers and on-line; and the Flemish Community market for the sale of commercials on national television channels.

The College has decided, following the proposal by the competition prosecutor, that the transaction does not risk to cause a significant restriction of workable competition.

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