

The BCA approves the merger of three Limburg distribution system operators, namely Inter-energa, Inter-aqua and Inter-media

The Investigation and Prosecution Service of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) has approved on 7 February 2019 the merger of three Limburg distribution system operators, namely Inter-energa, Inter-aqua and Inter-media. The name of the new entity will be 'Fluvius Limburg'.

The merger was notified on 21 January 2019. The application of the simplified procedure was requested.

The concentration concerns the sectors of grid management for energy (Inter-energa), sewerage and water distribution networks (Inter-aqua) and network management for cable communications (Inter-media).

In its decision of 7 February 2019, the BCA finds that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are met and that the notified merger does not raise any objection.

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