

**The Belgian Competition Authority approves the creation of a hospital group between the Cliniques Universitaires de Bruxelles - Hôpital Erasme, the Institut Jules Bordet and the Hôpital Universitaire des Enfants Reine Fabiola**

The Investigation and Prosecution Service of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) approved on 30 June 2021 the creation of a hospital group within the meaning of Article 8 of the royal decree of 30 January 1989 between the Cliniques Universitaires de Bruxelles - Hôpital Erasme, the Institut Jules Bordet and the Hôpital Universitaire des Enfants Reine Fabiola. This group is not a locoregional clinical hospital network within the meaning of the coordinated law on hospitals and other care institutions of 10 July 2008. It is called "Grand hôpital universitaire de Bruxelles" (GHUB) and is responsible for the strategic and operational management of the above-mentioned hospitals. The group entails a joint control over the three individual hospitals.

The merger was notified on 18 June 2021. The application of the simplified procedure was requested.

The notifying parties are active in the field of human health, in particular hospital activities. The Cliniques Universitaires de Bruxelles- Hôpital Erasme, whose organizing authority is the Université Libre de Bruxelles, is a multi-service academic (general) hospital located on Route de Lennik 808 in 1070 Brussels. The Jules Bordet Institute is a mono-disciplinary hospital offering oncology care, located at Rue Héger Bordet 1, 1000 Brussels. The Hôpital Universitaire des Enfants Reine is a mono-disciplinary hospital offering pediatric care, located at Avenue J.J Crocq, 15 in 1020 Brussels.

In its decision of 30 June 2020, the BCA finds that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are met and that the notified merger does not raise any objections.

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