

The Belgian Competition Authority approves Partena's acquisition of Easypay

On 21 June 2023 the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) approved the acquisition of sole control of the Easypay group by Partena Business Solutions NV (Partena).

The concentration was notified on 12 June 2023 and the application of the simplified procedure was requested.

Partena provides human resources consulting services and supports and guides startups as well as medium-sized and large enterprises. In addition, Partena is also active in the business software sector by offering, among other things, workforce management software. Partena provides these services to companies operating in Belgium.

The Easypay group comprises several companies, including P-Invest NV, Easyplan NV, Easytime NV, Easy-HR NV, Easy-Services NV and Profos NV. The Easypay group operates in the human resources consulting services sector, supporting and guiding startups as well as medium-sized and large enterprises. In addition, the Easypay group is also active in the business software sector by developing software solutions for payroll, time recording and human resources software, among others. The Easypay group provides these services to companies operating in Belgium.

In its decision of 21 June 2023, the BCA finds that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are met, that effective competition in the relevant markets is not significantly impeded and that the notified concentration does not raise any objections.

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