

**The Belgian Competition Authority sends a statement of objections to Securitas, G4S and Seris regarding cartel agreements in the private security sector in Belgium**

On 6 July 2023, the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) has informed Securitas, G4S and Seris of its preliminary view regarding their participation in cartel arrangements in the private security sector in violation of applicable competition rules, in particular Article IV.1 of the Code of Economic law and Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The cartel arrangements in question pertain to anti-competitive practices that lasted for several years and consisted in the application of minimum prices determined within the sectoral trade association, exchanges of information and coordination of the participation in important tender procedures, and reciprocal non-solicitation ('no-poaching') agreements with respect to employees of competitors.

The statement of objections are directed against the following companies:

- Securitas NV, subsidiary of Securitas AB;
- G4S Secure Solutions NV, subsidiary of Atlas Ontario LP;
- Seris Security NV, subsidiary of Separgefi SAS.

These companies are international players active in the supply of private security services.

The communication of a statement of objections allows addressees thereof to exercise their rights of defense by providing their views and accessing the case file. A statement of objections does not prejudice the outcome of the proceedings.

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The Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) is an independent administrative authority that contributes to the definition and implementation of competition policy in Belgium. Concretely, the BCA pursues anti-competitive practices, such as cartels and abuses of a dominant position, and reviews the main merger operations. The BCA cooperates with the other competition authorities of the member states of the European Union and the European Commission within the European Competition Network (ECN)