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### Professor Damien Neven appointed as Vice-President of the Belgian Competition Authority

On Friday 26 April 2024, the Council of Ministers appointed Professor Damien Neven as assessor-vice-president of the Belgian Competition Authority. The Council of Ministers also appointed Ms Chloé Binet as assessor.

Professor Damien Neven is Director of the Department of International Economics at the Geneva Graduate Institute and was Chief Economist of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Competition from 2006 to 2011. Ms Chloé Binet holds a doctorate in competition law from UCLouvain and worked as a legal secretary at the General Court of the European Union before becoming an attorney at the Brussels Bar.

Following the recent appointments of Mr Luc Gyselen and Professor Caroline Cauffman, the lists of assessors sitting on the panels of the Belgian Competition Authority are now complete. The role of the assessors is to sit, in turn and in alphabetical order, in the Colleges of the Authority together with the president. The Colleges adopt decisions based on an investigation carried out and a proposed decision prepared by the prosecution services. The assessor-vice-president replaces the president in case of conflicts of interest or unavailability.

The BCA looks forward to working with Professor Damien Neven and Ms Chloé Binet in the future and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the assessors for their contribution to the implementation of the Belgian Competition Authority's mandate.

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