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The Belgian Competition Authority approves the creation of the joint venture Partena Public by Civadis, CEVI and Partena Business Solutions

On 28 October 2026, the Belgian Competition Authority ("BCA") approved the acquisition of joint control over the full-function joint venture Partena Public by Civadis SA and Centrum voor Informatica NV (hereinafter "CEVI"), together with Partena Business Solutions SA (hereinafter "Partena Business").

The concentration was notified on 20 October 2026, and the application of the simplified procedure was requested.

Civadis and CEVI, subsidiaries of Network Research Belgium ("NRB"), are two software publishers and providers of IT solutions for local public authorities (cities, municipalities, public welfare centres), active in Wallonia and Brussels, and in Flanders, respectively.

Partena Business, a subsidiary of Partena Professional Group, is active throughout Belgium in the human resources consultancy services sector. Some of Partena Business's subsidiaries are approved to operate as accredited social secretariats, whilst the others operate as non-accredited social service providers.

Partena Public will be a full-function joint venture whose purpose is to provide human resources services, in particular payroll and salary administration, to public sector employers (administrations, municipalities, public welfare centres, public enterprises, etc.).

In its decision of 28 October 2026, the BCA finds that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are met and that the notified concentration raises no objections.

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