

Priorities 2025

Priority sectors

Agri-food value chain

Active monitoring of this economically important sector to protect a healthy competitive dynamic across all levels in the chain, with specific attention to consolidation, asymmetric power relationships, and sustainability.

Construction

Increased vigilance regarding cost pass-through, further consolidation of already concentrated activities, compliance with competition rules in public procurement, as well as specific attention to the impact of digitalisation.

Healthcare

Competition must contribute to guaranteeing access, quality and innovation in healthcare. Aside from sector-specific regulation, competition law principles apply fully to hospital services, healthcare providers, and within the pharmaceutical value chain.

Basic services

Ensuring the accessibility of basic services for businesses and consumers, at fair rates and with appropriate quality. Regulated sectors and regulated professions are no exception. Special attention is paid to removing unnecessary barriers that hinder market access, freedom of choice or access to information.

Digitalisation of the economy and the telecommunications sector

A digital policy aimed at ensuring compliance with competition rules by local platforms, maintaining healthy competition during the digital transformation of the economy, and strengthening competitive dynamics for various telecom services and infrastructures such as fibre optic networks and 5G.

Strategic actions

Sector inquiry

Launch of an in-depth analysis of price revision and indexation mechanisms to better understand market failures and formulate recommendations where necessary.

Combating bid rigging

Firm action against manipulation of public procurement procedures, with awareness-raising campaigns for contracting authorities and participating companies, and enforcement actions in the case of infringements.

Strengthening the legal framework

Modernisation of merger control rules and development of instruments allowing for more effective action, in consultation with the competent authorities.

(Inter)national cooperation

Strengthening partnerships with other national and European authorities to maximise the relevance and impact of the BCA's interventions.

Increased visibility and accessibility

A new communication strategy to raise awareness of the actions of the BCA, simplify access to information, and enhance transparency.

The full priorities paper is
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