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Proximus and Telenet collaboration for joint fibre roll-out in Flanders approved: the BIPT will monitor compliance with commitments

Brussels, 23 July 2026 – The Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) has made legally binding the commitments entered into by Telenet/Wyre and Proximus/Fiberklaar in the context of their cooperation to roll out optical fibre in the mid-dense areas in Flanders. The BCA has also appointed the BIPT to monitor their compliance with these commitments.

In a [Communication of 10 October 2023](#), the BIPT established the principles that should be respected in case of a joint deployment of FTTH (Fibre-to-the-Home) networks. In this framework, Telenet/Wyre and Proximus/Fiberklaar concluded an agreement aiming to:

- divide the roll-out of fibre networks between them (i.e. building a single FTTH network rather than two) in mid-dense areas in Flanders, and grant each other reciprocal access to their respective networks in those areas;
- progressively migrate Proximus' copper network customers to Wyre's cable network in more rural areas.

To offset the negative effects of this cooperation on competition, these companies submitted a series of commitments to the Belgian Competition Authority. Following an investigation in which the BIPT was closely involved, the BCA has made these commitments binding.

The commitments include a timing for the roll-out of fibre and guarantee alternative operators a wide range of options for wholesale access to:

- Wyre's, Fiberklaar's and Proximus' FTTH networks in their respective footprints;
- Wyre's cable network throughout its footprint;
- Proximus' copper network throughout the country.

These commitments will be taken into account in the next market analysis carried out by the BIPT, in cooperation with the media regulators. In all likelihood, in the areas concerned, the current regulation of wholesale broadband markets could be replaced by a monitoring of the commitments.

The BIPT will act as a monitoring trustee, meaning that it will carry out ongoing monitoring to ensure that the commitments are being met, particularly with regard to tariffs, transparency and non-discrimination. It may also be called upon to act in disputes relating to these commitments.

At the same time, the BIPT continues to contribute to the investigation initiated by the BCA into a similar collaboration between Proximus and Orange in Wallonia.

Michel Van Bellinghen, Chairman of the BIPT Council: *'The BIPT expresses its satisfaction at the successful conclusion of this case. The commitments made by the companies concerned meet the conditions set out by the BIPT in its Communication of 10 October 2023, such as a roll-out that is as rapid and extensive as it would have been in the absence of cooperation, and an infrastructure open*

to all operators on transparent and non-discriminatory terms. This makes it possible to reconcile a major investment with the preservation of competition. Furthermore, the designation of the BIPT as a monitoring trustee is a recognition of its experience and expertise.'

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