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**Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by Mediahuis N.V. of the entire issued share capital of Euractiv Media Network B.V.**

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Mediahuis N.V., would acquire the entire issued share capital and thus sole control of Euractiv Media Network B.V. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 11 August 2023.

The Commission has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State. The Commission will publish the reasons for its determination on its website no later than 60 working days after the date of the determination and after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information be removed from the published version.

## **Additional Information:**

Mediahuis N.V. is a privately owned European media company headquartered in Antwerp, Belgium. Mediahuis N.V. publishes print and digital news titles and also operates a number of digital marketplaces, radio and local television broadcasting businesses. Outside of the State, Mediahuis N.V. operates in a number of EU jurisdictions focusing on its newspapers, magazines, classifieds and radio businesses and also in commercial printing for its newspaper and magazine businesses. In the State, Mediahuis N.V.'s Irish subsidiaries are involved in the publication of a range of newspapers, including the Irish Independent, the Sunday Independent, the Herald.ie

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along with a number of regional papers, including The Kerryman and The Wexford People. Mediahuis N.V. also has a number of online classified titles and websites.

Euractiv Media Network B.V. is an online media company operating across the EU, through its online news portal to provide coverage of EU affairs, reporting on topics such as energy, the environment, technology, and the economy, including policy debates and legislative developments within the European institutions. Euractiv Media Network B.V. organizes events, policy debates, and conferences that bring together EU policymakers, stakeholders, and industry leaders, contributing to a better understanding of EU policies and their impact.