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[The European Commission has not expressed fundamental objections regarding the broadband and broadcasting market analyses](#)

Brussels, 21 June 2011 – Today the European Commission disclosed its comments on the CRC's (Conference of Regulators of the electronic communications sector) broadband and broadcasting draft decisions, without however expressing fundamental objections.

As a reminder: on 21 December 2010 the *draft* market analysis decisions were published.

A national consultation round was organised and concluded on 18 February 2011. The Competition Council issued its recommendation on the draft decisions on 21 February 2011.

The draft decisions were notified to the European Commission on 20 May 2011. Today the **European Commission** adopted an official position on the draft decisions.

The CRC is satisfied with the comments issued by the European Commission. The European Commission supports the goals of the Belgian regulators to reinforce competition for the benefit of the Belgian consumer who is entitled to a broader choice and lower prices. Furthermore the European Commission has not expressed serious doubts as to the market definitions or the designation of dominance of operators, which would have implied a second round and possibly a veto by the European Commission.

Although the European Commission has comments as to a number of obligations proposed such as the resale obligation for analogue television, the CRC states that the European Commission does not make comments on important elements of the draft decision such as among other things:

- the market definitions,
- the dominance of cable operators,
- the obligations regarding access to the digital television offer,
- the new multicast obligation imposed onto Belgacom.

The European Commission moreover asks to keep up the continuous follow-up of the market to examine the possibilities to enter the market.

The CRC will take into account the remarks before coming to final decisions this summer.

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