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Fibre in Flanders: the proposed commitments of Proximus/Fiberklaar and Telenet/Wyre are subject to a market test

Brussels, 15 October 2025 – The investigation conducted by the Belgian Competition Authority, with the support of the BIPT, on the planned cooperation between Proximus/Fiberklaar and Telenet/Wyre has just reached an important milestone: Proximus and Telenet have proposed commitments which are subject to consultation until 21 November 2025. Following this consultation, the Belgian Competition Authority could make these commitments binding, opening the door to deregulation of the wholesale broadband markets in the area concerned, under the monitoring of the BIPT.

In July 2024, Proximus and Fiberklaar, on the one hand, and Telenet and Wyre, on the other hand, announced their intention to cooperate to deploy fibre in medium-dense areas of Flanders. According to these plans, Proximus would also gradually migrate customers from its copper network to Wyre's cable network in the more rural areas.

The Belgian Competition Authority opened an investigation, with which the BIPT was closely associated, to examine the consequences of such cooperation. This investigation has just reached an important milestone with the organisation of a market test, i.e. a consultation on commitments proposed by Proximus/Fiberklaar and Telenet/Wyre. These commitments concern the fibre networks of both operators, but also the copper network of Proximus and the cable network of Wyre.

The proposed commitments are intended to address the concerns expressed by the Belgian Competition Authority and the BIPT in the context of the investigation. Particular attention was given to the conditions listed in the communication of the BIPT of 10 October 2023: the opening up of the networks to third-party operators, a high level of transparency and non-discrimination, wholesale tariffs reflecting the reality of a single infrastructure, ambitions in terms of coverage and timetable at least equal to what was planned in the absence of cooperation.

The BIPT will continue to work closely with the Belgian Competition Authority. If, at the end of the investigation, the commitments proposed by Proximus/Fiberklaar and Telenet/Wyre are accepted and made binding, the BIPT would take them into account in its next market analysis (in collaboration with the media regulators), in order to assess the need for regulation and/or the form this regulation should take. In all likelihood, in the areas concerned, the current regulation of wholesale broadband markets could be replaced by a monitoring of the commitments.

The proposal includes the BIPT assuming the role of a "monitoring trustee", i.e. the BIPT would be responsible for monitoring compliance with the commitments and reporting regularly to the competition authority on this matter.

Finally, the IBPT emphasizes that the success of a fibre rollout in any case requires the effective management of permit applications, regardless of the geographical areas and operators concerned and whether or not there is cooperation.

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