

## **BELGIAN INSTITUTE FOR POSTAL SERVICES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Operators envisage cooperation for fibre deployment**

**Brussels, 15 May 2024 – Certain operators have informed the BIPT that they have initiated negotiations in order to cooperate to roll out fibre. In the coming weeks, the BIPT will regularly assess the progress in these negotiations with the parties concerned. If they progress substantially, the BIPT will postpone the consultation on its draft market analysis in order to take these developments into account.**

On 10 October 2023 the BIPT published a communication on cooperation agreements to roll out FTTH networks, wherein the BIPT announced that if, by 15 May 2024, operators would reach agreements complying with certain principles, it would take these into account (in collaboration with the media regulators) in its next market analysis in order to assess the need for regulation and/or the form that this regulation should take.

Certain operators have informed the BIPT that they have initiated negotiations in order to cooperate. However, these negotiations that are likely to affect a significant part of the Belgian market, will not be finalised by 15 May 2024.

The BIPT will regularly take stock of progress in these negotiations with the parties concerned. If they progress substantially towards their completion in the coming weeks, the BIPT will postpone the finalisation of its draft market analysis (initially scheduled for consultation in the fourth quarter of 2024) in order to take them into account. Projects related to the market analysis (FTTH tariffs, Ethernet tariffs) would also be delayed.

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