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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Vestager
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Member States have an obligation to ensure that the national procedural rules which they establish or apply do not jeopardise the effective application of the EU competition rules in all sectors of the economy. While each Member States decides on its institutional set up for the enforcement of EU competition rules (Articles 101 and 102 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU), their procedural autonomy should ensure effective enforcement of EU competition rules and allow the national competition authorities to have minimum independence guarantees and powers to investigate and take decisions, in line with Regulation 1/2003¹ and Directive 2019/1².

2. The Commission is closely monitoring the telecom sector in all Member States, including Greece. To ensure effectiveness and coherence in the enforcement of the EU competition rules, the Commission and the national competition authorities (including the Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission 'EETT') are in close and constant cooperation through the European Competition Network and inform each other of relevant cases and investigations.

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 of 16 December 2002 on the implementation of the rules on competition laid down in Articles 81 and 82 of the Treaty, OJ 4.1.2003, L1/1 ('Regulation 1/2003'). See Article 35 on the designation of competition authorities.

² Directive (EU) 2019/1 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 to empower the competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market, OJ 14.1.2019, L11/3.