

GVH investigating cooperation between Telekom and Telenor

The GVH (Hungarian Competition Authority) initiated supervisory proceedings against Magyar Telekom Távközlési Nyrt. (Telekom) and Telenor Magyarország Zrt. (Telenor).

Both the undertakings and the Nemzeti Média és Hírközlési Hatóság (National Media and Infocommunications Authority) informed the GVH about the cooperation existing between the undertakings in relation to their broadband services' networks and frequencies. The cooperation of the parties could significantly affect the quality of mobile services in Hungary and could also influence the conditions existing on the market in the services sector in the long run.

The GVH launched the investigation in order to determine whether the above mentioned cooperation conforms or conflicts with the provisions of the Hungarian Competition Act and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Taking into account the market power of the parties, the nature of the services they provide and also the number of potentially affected consumers, the initiation of an investigation is necessary in order to protect the public interest.

The initiation of the supervisory proceedings does not mean that the practices of the undertakings are unlawful. The proceedings aim to clarify the facts and their relevance to competition law. According to the Competition Act, the proceedings must be concluded within 6 months; however, depending on the complexity of the case, this period can be extended on two occasions by up to six months each time.

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