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Delegations will find in annex a presentation (agenda item 8.) given by the European Commission during the Working Party on Competition meeting on 10 October 2025.



# Proposal for EU's adherence to OECD Council Revised Recommendation on Merger Review

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# Introduction: cooperation between DG Competition and the OECD

# OECD's goals and membership

**Cooperation on  
economic and  
social issues**

**Data  
Standards  
Policies**

**22 of 38  
members are  
EU Member  
States**

**3 EU MS are  
candidates for  
accession**

**EU has  
Participant  
status**

# OECD work on competition



**Competition Committee and Working Parties No. 2 & 3**



**Global Forum on Competition**



**Roundtables – best practices – recommendations**

# EU's participation in OECD competition work

**Commission (DG COMP) represents EU**

**Contributing to roundtable discussions**

**Involved in drafting of Recommendations**



# Proposal for EU's adherence to OECD Revised Recommendation on Merger Review

# How does adherence work?



**OECD members  
automatically  
committed**



**Non-members  
(incl. EU)  
may adhere**



**No legal rights  
or obligations**



**EU adhered to  
several competition  
Recommendations**

# Key changes of Revised Recommendation



Strengthening **procedures**



Clear **substantive assessment** framework



Clear guidance and cooperation on merger **remedies**



Encouraging **ex-post evaluation**

# Why should the EU adhere to the Recommendation?

**EU participated in drafting**



**EU merger control framework already aligned**



**Continue influencing global competition standards**



**Highly relevant for EU competition policy**



*Questions?*