



RTL – DPG MEDIA ACQUISITION

The Dutch Authority for Consumers & Markets (ACM) has postponed its decision regarding the takeover of RTL Nederland by DPG Media. ACM still has concerns about media plurality and competition in the market. The deal, worth €1.1 billion, involves DPG Media acquiring RTL Nederland, which includes five free-to-air TV channels, three digital pay-TV channels, an independent news organization, and Videoland, the leading streaming service in the Netherlands with 1.3 million paying subscribers. DPG Media already owns significant media assets in Belgium, including VTM and RTL Belgium.

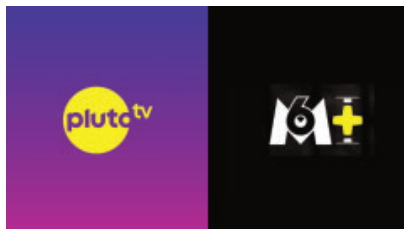
This postponement mirrors ACM's decision in 2022 to block a similar



merger between Talpa and RTL Nederland due to media concentration concerns. ACM has not provided a specific timeline for when a decision will be made.

PLUTO TV & M6 PARTNERSHIP

Meanwhile, in France, Pluto TV and M6 have formed a major partnership, launching 12 new Pluto



TV channels within the M6 ecosystem and nearly 3,000 hours of content. This deal also gives M6 Publicité the right to sell Pluto TV's advertising inventory, signaling a push to expand the free ad-supported streaming TV (FAST) model in France.

AMAZON – NOKIA IMBROGLIO

Amazon has been prohibited from selling its Fire TV sticks featuring HEVC (High Efficiency Video Coding) technology in Germany following a ruling by the Munich Regional Court. The court determined that Amazon



had infringed on Nokia's patent EP 2 375 749, which pertains to efficient scalable stream adaptation technology. This ruling affects 13 different models of Amazon's Fire TV sticks across multiple generations.

The court rejected Amazon's defense, which was based on the FRAND (Fair, Reasonable, and Non-Discriminatory) terms argument, stating that Nokia had acted fairly in negotiations.

Despite the ruling, Fire TV sticks can still be sold in Germany unless Nokia enforces the judgment. Nokia has also filed similar legal cases against Amazon in the United States, the UK, and India. Amazon has stated that it disagrees with the court's decision and is seeking a quick resolution. ■



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