

The Bulgarian Commission on Protection of Competition firmly believes that additional explanation is required concerning the characteristics of the agreements that support the objectives of the Green Deal without restricting competition. In our opinion, it is necessary and appropriate to combine two forms of clarification - general policy guidelines and case-by-case assessment.

In developing the guidelines, flexibility should be given to the evaluating authorities in admitting certain restrictive agreements. It is important to be taken into account the economic specifics of individual regions and national characteristics.

We recognize that the requirements for achieving a non-toxic environment and the need to increase investment in clean energy technologies are the biggest challenges for small and medium-sized undertakings. Cooperation between them in this regard can be key to their survival.

On all other issues, we cannot give a specific answer or make specific proposals, as so far in our practice we have not assessed a case of such cooperation.