

SPANISH COMPETITION

Highlights ...

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The CNMC launches a public consultation on cloud services in Spain

On 23 November 2023, the CNMC launched a study on cloud services in Spain with the aim of promoting competition in the sector, as these services have been considered essential in digital transformation process. The CNMC seeks to understand the factors that may affect the efficiency and competitiveness of these services.

Within the framework of this study, on 7 May 2024, the CNMC launched a public consultation on cloud services in Spain. As the CNMC recalls, these services are used by more than 30% of companies allowing them to process, store and manage data remotely. The public consultation will be open until 21 June 2024.

After reviewing the results of the public consultation, the CNMC will make recommendations to promote a competitive environment that fosters better prices, quality, and innovation.

The public consultation

A public consultation is a regulatory process aimed at seeking the opinion of a group of stakeholders on matters that may affect them. Its main objectives are to improve efficiency, transparency, and public participation in projects, laws, and policies.

Therefore, this public consultation aims to reach the largest number of stakeholders involved in this field in order to obtain their perspective on the cloud services sector.

The CNMC's conclusions on possible restrictions to competition will anticipate how the Competition Authority will analyse the company's behaviour in the future. This will allow market participants to anticipate conducts that the CNMC could eventually question and modify their policies to reduce the possibility of being investigated by the Authority.

Other recent public consultations conducted by the CNMC include, for example, the public consultation on SME participation in public procurement and barriers to their business activities, or the CNMC's public consultation on the driver training sector.