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### **EU launches new toolbox to strengthen ICT supply chain security**

The EU introduced a new [ICT Supply Chain Security Toolbox](#), providing an EU approach to identify, assess, and mitigate cybersecurity risks across ICT supply chains. The toolbox outlines **risk scenarios** and recommends **mitigation measures**, including the assessment of critical suppliers, the importance of multi-vendor strategies and approaches to overcome dependencies on **high-risk suppliers**. It empowers Member States to strengthen ICT supply chain security.

The [NIS2 Cooperation Group](#), which involves EU Member States, the European Commission and the EU Agency for cybersecurity (ENISA), developed the toolbox and will review its progress in one year.

Underlining the importance of ensuring security of our ICT supply chains, in the [revised Cybersecurity Act](#) presented on 20 January 2026, the Commission has also proposed a trusted ICT supply chain framework focusing on addressing non-technical risks such as foreign interference, which will allow for a harmonised approach in the most critical supply chains. The release also includes two **risks assessments** focusing on **connected and automated vehicles**, as well as **detection equipment** used at borders and customs. These reports provide a comprehensive analysis of cybersecurity risks, their potential consequences, and the necessary mitigation measures. Henna **Virkkunen**, Executive Vice-President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy, said: "Cyber-attacks on ICT supply chains are increasingly sophisticated and can impact our security and economy. With the adoption of the ICT Supply Chain Security Toolbox, we intensify our efforts to protect them by increasing our common understanding on risks and how we can mitigate them." More information on the toolbox and risks assessments can be found [online](#).

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### **Commission approves UMG's acquisition of Downtown, subject to conditions**

The European Commission has approved, under the [EU Merger Regulation](#), the proposed acquisition by Universal Music Group N.V. ('UMG') of Downtown Music Holdings LLC ('Downtown'). The approval is conditional upon full compliance with the commitments offered by the companies, which entail the full divestment of Downtown's royalty accounting platform Curve Royalty Systems, Ltd ('Curve').

Following its market investigation, the Commission concluded that the proposed transaction would not lead to a significant impediment of effective competition in the markets where UMG and Downtown's activities overlap, namely in recorded music, A&L services and music publishing.

At the same time, the Commission concluded that Curve processes information regarding the commercial relationship between an artist and its label. The Commission found that the transaction, as initially notified, would have harmed competition, as UMG could have gained access to commercially sensitive data of rival record labels, which is stored on Curve.

To address the Commission's competition concerns, UMG and Downtown offered a remedy package consisting of the **full divestment of Curve**.

On this basis, the Commission concluded that the transaction, as modified by the commitments, **would no longer raise** competition concerns.

The Commission will approve a suitable purchaser for Curve in a separate procedure.

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