

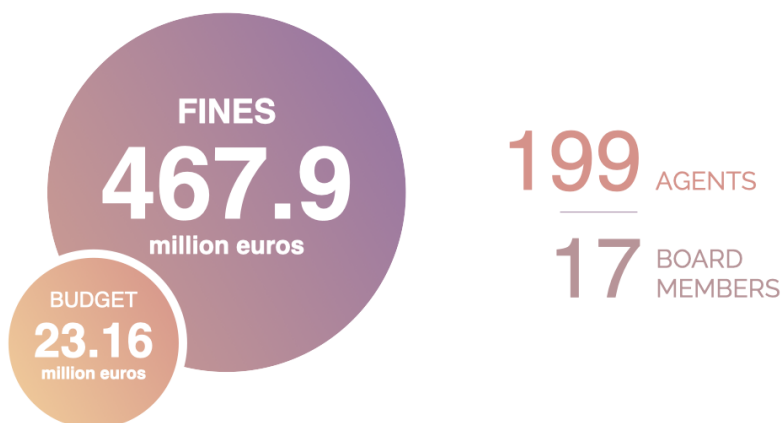
Key figures

How many employees do we have? What is our budget? What impact does our action have on the economy? What is the total amount of the fines handed out? How many mergers and acquisitions are reviewed each year? Do we often apply EU law?

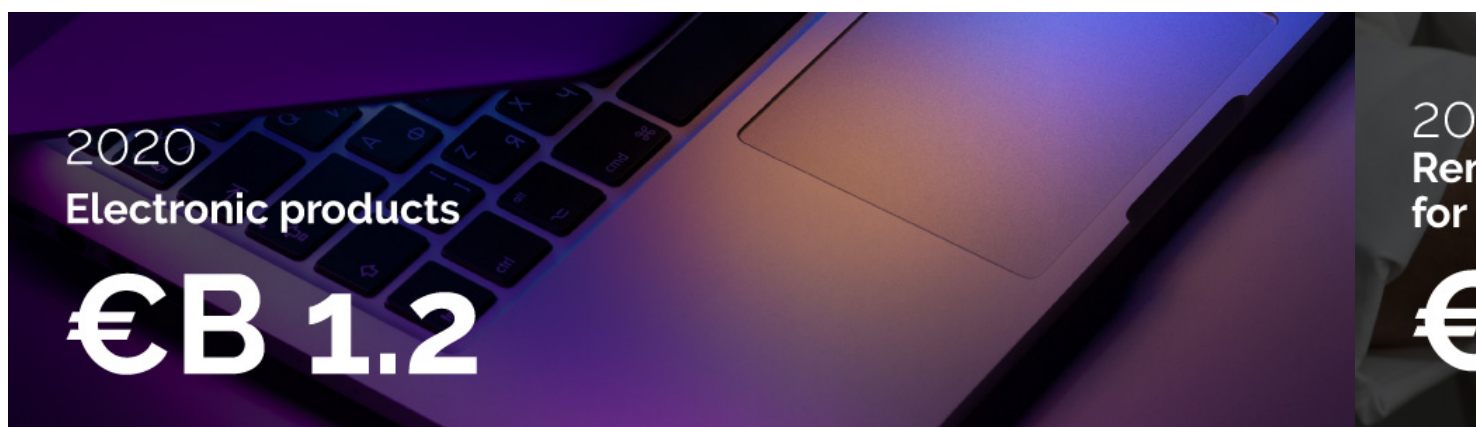
Find out more about the Autorité through a selection of figures and indicators.

THE AUTORITÉ AT A GLANCE

2022 figures



Top fines handed out since 2011





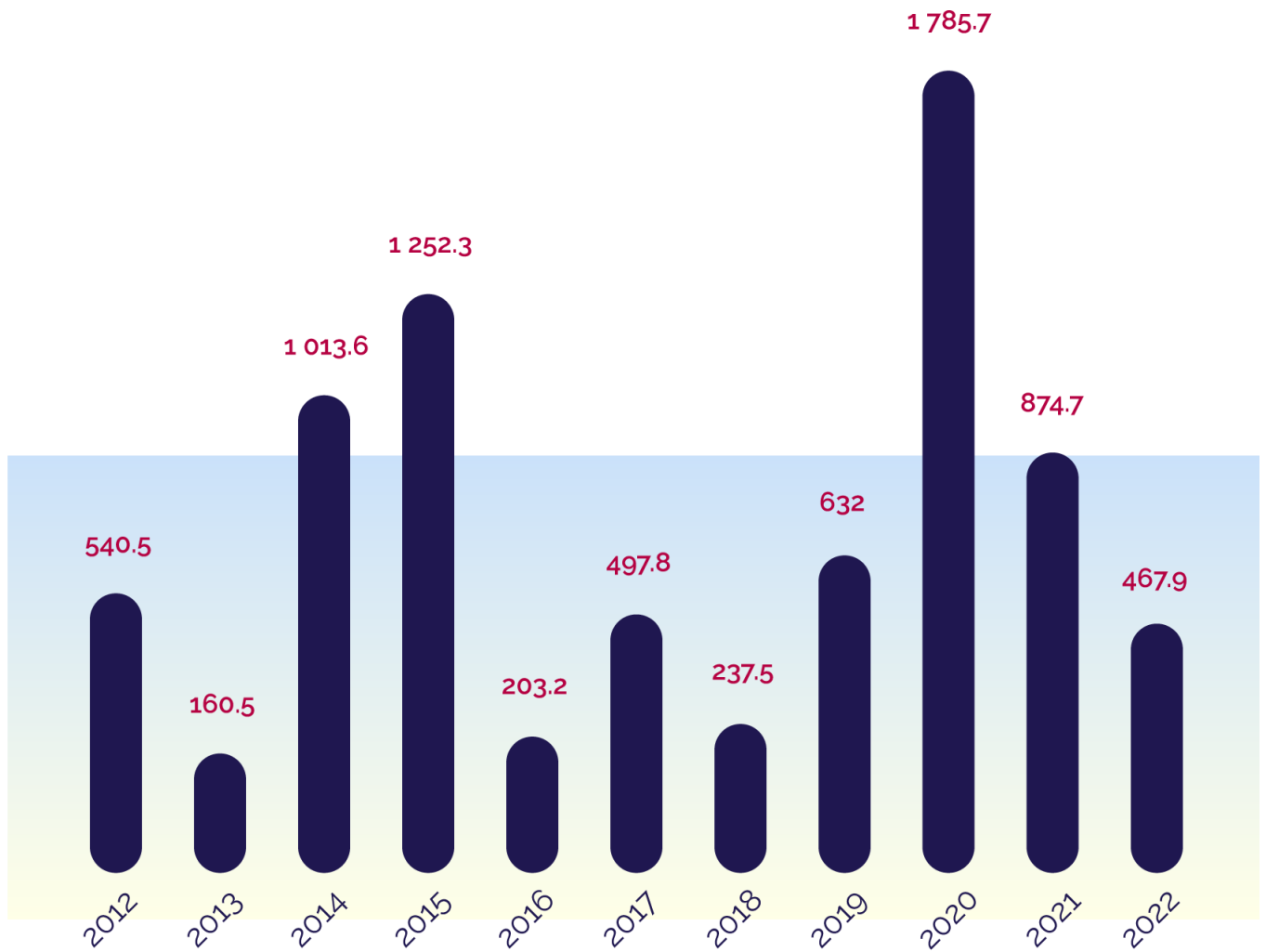
Amount of fines since 2012

More than 7.6 billion euros

This is the value of the fines handed out by the Autorité over a ten-year period (2012-2022).

While the Autorité's penalties policy is designed to have a deterrent effect, the Autorité nevertheless ensures that penalties remain proportionate to the size of the affected market and the ability of the companies or bodies concerned to pay.

The graph below presents the evolution of the amount of fines. Amounts are shown in million euros.



Interactive mapping of the companies fined by the Autorité

The Autorité proposes on its website an interactive map which geolocalizes more than 300 companies fined between 2009 and 2020.

Implemented by the Digital Economy Unit, this map aims at presenting in an innovative and interactive way the work carried out by the Autorité. It builds on the resources available via Etalab regarding French companies.

The tool was crafted thanks to open and free solutions. Further, data is

made available on Data.gouv.fr so that it can be reuse in the framework of new projects.

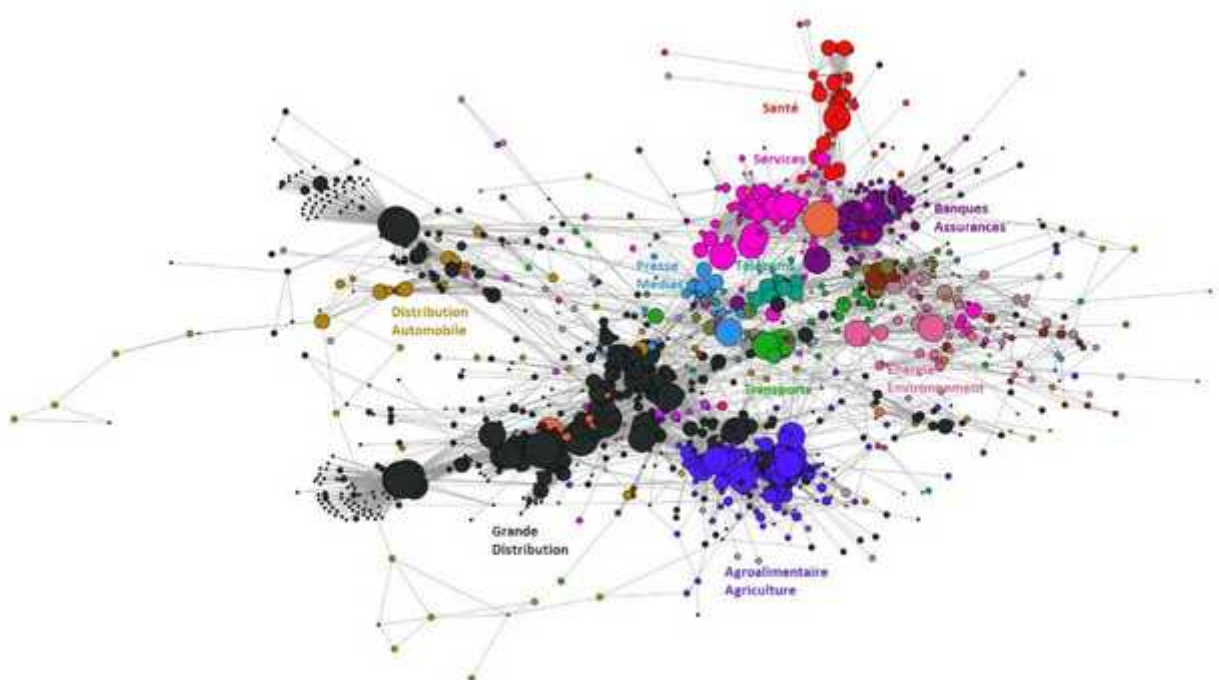
[Access the mapping](#)

[See dataset on Data.gouv.fr](#)

Interactive network graph tool

The Autorité de la concurrence publishes on its website the first interactive network graph tool capable of identifying within the Autorité's publications (meaning the decisions, opinions and interim measures published between 2009 and 2021) the references to its other publications and to represent these interconnections in a graph.

[See the tool](#)



The tool has been replicated for the 3275 merger decisions published by the French Competition Authority up to 1st January 2024. Its code is now available [on the Autorité's Github](#).

A high-resolution image of the corresponding graph is also [available here](#) until the interactive tool is made available online.

Impact on the economy

20.1 billion euros

This is the overall benefit to the economy of the Autorité's actions from 2011 to 2022 (fines handed out and additional costs avoided for the economy).

In order to assess the impact of its action on the economy, the Autorité decided to include an overall evaluation in its annual report in 2018.

Based on methods recommended by the OECD, this evaluation takes into account not only the amount of fines imposed on companies but also the gains to the economy resulting from the cessation of anticompetitive behaviour and the implementation of remedies in the context of mergers (2018 Annual Report published on La Documentation Française/page 29).

Review of mergers and acquisitions

Cleared unconditionally	173	194	190	186	224	225	230	261	182	261	252
Cleared subject to conditions	11	7	10	6	6	8	5	9	10	10	5
Inapplicability decision	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Prohibition decision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Total	185	201	200	192	230	234	235	270	195	272	257
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022

Since 2012, the Autorité de la concurrence has issued more than 2400 decisions on mergers and acquisitions. In 96 % of cases the Autorité cleared the transaction unconditionally.

A leading role in Europe

The French authority, the most active national authority

The Autorité de la concurrence is one of the most active authorities in the European Competition Network (ECN). Since the network was set up (in May 2004), the Autorité de la concurrence has been the authority that has opened the largest number of investigations on the basis of EU law.

The ECN represents the 28 national competition authorities and the Commission. This encrypted network enables them to share information and communicate on cases under investigation. The aim is to foster convergence and greater effectiveness in the application of competition rules.

[See the ECN's statistics on the European Commission website](#)