Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10296 — EPCG/ECMI/Eroski S. Coop/Supratuc2020)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 291/06)

1. On 14 July 2021, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— EP Corporate Group, a.s. ('EPCG', Czechia), solely controlled by Mr. Daniel Křetínský,

— E-Commerce and Media Investments, a.s. ('ECMI', Czechia), solely controlled by Mr. Patrik Tkáč,

— Supratuc2020, S.L. (Spain), currently solely controlled by Eroski, S. Coop ('EROSKI', Spain).

EPCG, ECMI and EROSKI acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Supratuc2020, S.L.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for EPCG: an investment holding company, active mainly in energy, infrastructure and media. The ultimate owner of EPCG is one of the leading investors, among others, in the food distribution sector in Europe,

— for ECMI: an investment holding company, active mainly in media and e-commerce sector,

— for EROSKI: a consumer cooperative that is a distribution company, a consumer organisation and a cooperative project active in the retail of daily consumer goods.

— for Supratuc2020, S.L.: Spanish holding company with 100 % ownership in two companies active in the retail sale of daily consumer goods in Spain: Caprabo and Cecosa.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([2]) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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