Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10049 — Partners Group/Atlantia/Telepass)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 29/05)

1. On 18 January 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:

— Partners Group AG (together with its affiliates, 'Partners Group', Switzerland),

— Atlantia SpA ('Atlantia', Italy),

— Telepass SpA ('Telepass', Italy), currently solely controlled by Atlantia (Italy)

Partners Group and Atlantia acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Telepass.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Partners Group: global private investment management company active in the areas of private equity, private real estate, private infrastructure and private debt;

— for Atlantia: holding company active mainly in the toll motorway and airport infrastructure sectors in Italy, Spain, France and, to a limited extent, Poland;

— for Telepass: active mainly in the provision of electronic tolling services in Europe and, in particular, in Italy.

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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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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.