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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.12076 – RTL / SKY DACH)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 27 February 2026, 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:

— RTL Deutschland GmbH ('RTL', Germany), controlled by Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA (Germany);

— Sky German Holdings GmbH ('Sky DACH', Germany), controlled by Comcast Corporation (United States).

RTL will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Sky DACH.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— RTL is a journalism and entertainment group active across a broad spectrum of media such as TV and streaming, print and digital, radio and podcasts. It is active across various levels of the audiovisual ('AV') value chain, including with production, broadcasting and advertising services, mainly in Germany, Austria and Switzerland,

— Sky DACH is a pay TV operator active across the AV value chain in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and the German-speaking territories of South Tyrol, Luxembourg and Liechtenstein.

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.

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