Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8616 — Partners Group/Civica)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 290/06)

1. On 25 August 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which certain investment funds advised and/or managed by Partners Group AG or its affiliates ('Partners Group', Switzerland) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Civica Group Ltd ('Civica', United Kingdom) by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Partners Group: private markets investments,

— for Civica: provision of software and related IT services.

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 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 this 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference M.8616 — Partners Group/Civica, to the following address:

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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.