

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case M.8185 — Atlantia/EDF/ACA)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2016/C 357/16)

1. On 16 September 2016, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertakings Atlantia S.p.A., through its subsidiary Aeroporti di Roma ('AdR'), and Électricité de France ('EDF'), through its investment subsidiary EDF Invest, indirectly acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Société Aéroports de la Côte d'Azur ('ACA') by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Atlantia is an Italian group that invests at the global level in infrastructures and services relating to the transport sector. Atlantia is particularly active in the airport sector in Italy through its subsidiary AdR. Edizione S.r.l owns 30,25 % of Atlantia and also owns 50,1 % of the capital in Autogrill, which is active in the sector of catering services for travellers.
- EDF is a producer and provider of electricity and, to a lesser extent, gas, and is active in France and across the world. In addition to its industrial activities, in accordance with its obligations to cover long-term nuclear commitments, EDF manages the unlisted investments in its dedicated asset portfolio through its EDF Invest division.
- ACA builds, develops, renovates, maintains, operates and manages airport infrastructures in the Region of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (Nice, Cannes-Mandelieu and Saint-Tropez airports).

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 <sup>(2)</sup> 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 publication of this notification. 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 number M.8185 — Atlantia/EDF/ACA, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.