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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.8243 — Allianz/NN Group/The FIZZ Student Housing)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

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1. On 18 November 2016, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004⁽¹⁾ by which Allianz SE ('Allianz', Germany), which belongs to the Allianz Group, indirectly via certain fully-owned subsidiaries, and NN Group N.V. ('NN Group', Netherlands), intend to acquire joint control over The FIZZ Student Housing Fund SCS (Luxembourg) and thereby ultimately over the Target Companies (Germany) by means of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Allianz: the Allianz Group is a multinational financial services provider which is active worldwide in the insurance and asset management business,
 - for NN Group: is a global financial institution offering investment and insurance services,
 - The FIZZ Student Housing Fund: Holding of the following four Target Companies: IC FIZZ Berlin GmbH & Co. KG; IC FIZZ Hannover GmbH & Co. KG; IC FIZZ Frankfurt GmbH & Co. KG; and IC FIZZ Darmstadt GmbH & Co. KG. They own and operate student housing facilities in Berlin, Darmstadt, Frankfurt and Hannover with a total of 1 238 individual apartments.
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.8243 — Allianz/NN Group/The FIZZ Student Housing, 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.