

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8231 — Kuoni Travel Holding/MTS Globe)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2016/C 385/14)

1. On 12 October 2016, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004⁽¹⁾ by which Kuoni Travel Holding Ltd ('Kuoni', Switzerland), controlled by EQT VII, belonging to the EQT group of private investment funds, acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over MTS Globe of Spain, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Kuoni: service provider to the global travel industry and governments. EQT's portfolio companies are active in a number of industries and one of its funds controls the hotel chain Scandic Hotel Groups, which is primarily active in Northern Europe,
- for MTS Globe: service provider to the travel industry in the Mediterranean area.

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 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.8231 — Kuoni Travel Holding/MTS Globe, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').