Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8489 — Cinven/Eurovita)

Candidate for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 167/08)

1. On 19 May 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which Ergo Previdenza S.p.A. ('Ergo Previdenza'), a company ultimately controlled by funds managed or advised by Cinven Capital Management (V) General Partner Limited ('Cinven'), intends to acquire control over Eurovita Assicurazioni S.p.A ('Eurovita') within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Cinven: a private equity firm controlling a number of portfolio companies active in a variety of sectors, including life insurance sector, across a range of jurisdictions.

— Eurovita: active in the life insurance sector, offering life policies and investment products exclusively in Italy.

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 the 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.8489 — Cinven/Eurovita', 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.