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(Resolutions, recommendations and opinions)

OPINIONS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

COMMISSION OPINION

of 12 January 2023

relating to the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste arising from the decommissioning and dismantling of the Grohnde (KWG) nuclear power plant in the Federal State of Lower Saxony, Germany

(Only the German text is authentic)

(2023/C 14/01)

The assessment below is carried out under the provisions of the Euratom Treaty, without prejudice to any additional assessments to be carried out under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the obligations stemming from it and from secondary legislation ⁽¹⁾.

On 24 February 2022, the European Commission received from the Government of Germany, in accordance with Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty, the General Data relating to the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste ⁽²⁾ arising from the decommissioning and dismantling of the Grohnde (KWG) nuclear power plant.

On the basis of these data and additional information requested by the Commission on 16 June 2022 and provided by the German authorities on 27 July 2022, and following consultation with the Group of Experts, the Commission has drawn up the following opinion:

1. The distance from the site to the nearest border of another Member State, in this case the Netherlands, is 160 km.
2. During normal decommissioning and dismantling operations of the Grohnde (KWG) nuclear power plant, the discharges of liquid and gaseous radioactive effluents are not liable to cause an exposure of the population in another Member State that would be significant from the point of view of health, in respect of the dose limits laid down in the Basic Safety Standards Directive ⁽³⁾.
3. Solid radioactive waste is temporarily stored on site (in the new Transport preparation hall) before shipment to licensed treatment or disposal facilities located in Germany.

⁽¹⁾ For instance, under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, environmental aspects should be further assessed. Indicatively, the Commission would like to draw attention to the provisions of Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU; to Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, as well as to Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora and to Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy.

⁽²⁾ The disposal of radioactive waste in the meaning of point 1 of Commission Recommendation 2010/635/Euratom of 11 October 2010 on the application of Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty (OJ L 279, 23.10.2010, p. 36).

⁽³⁾ Council Directive 2013/59/Euratom of 5 December 2013 laying down basic safety standards for protection against the dangers arising from exposure to ionising radiation, and repealing Directives 89/618/Euratom, 90/641/Euratom, 96/29/Euratom, 97/43/Euratom and 2003/122/Euratom (OJ L 13, 17.1.2014, p. 1).

Non-radioactive solid waste and residual materials in compliance with clearance levels will be released from regulatory control for disposal as conventional waste or for reuse or recycling. This will be done in compliance with the criteria laid down in the Basic Safety Standards Directive.

4. In the event of unplanned releases of radioactive effluents that may follow the accidents of the type and magnitude considered in the General Data, the doses likely to be received by the population of another Member State would not be significant from the point of view of health, in respect of the reference levels laid down in the Basic Safety Standards Directive.

In conclusion, the Commission is of the opinion that the implementation of the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste in whatever form, arising from the decommissioning and the dismantling of the Grohnde (KWG) nuclear power plant, located in the Federal State of Lower Saxony, Germany, both in normal operation and in the event of the accidents of the type and magnitude considered in the General Data, is not liable to result in a radioactive contamination, significant from the point of view of health, of the water, soil or airspace of another Member State, in respect of the provisions laid down in the Basic Safety Standards Directive.

Done at Brussels, 12 January 2023.

For the Commission
Kadri SIMSON
Member of the Commission

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case M.10892 – APOLLO / HINES / VI-BA / AEDES)**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2023/C 14/02)

On 16 November 2022, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the ‘Competition policy’ website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en>) under document number 32022M10892. EUR-Lex is the online point of access to European Union law.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

13 January 2023

(2023/C 14/03)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,0814	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,4494
JPY	Japanese yen	139,02	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	8,4471
DKK	Danish krone	7,4387	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,7014
GBP	Pound sterling	0,88800	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,4311
SEK	Swedish krona	11,2528	KRW	South Korean won	1 343,41
CHF	Swiss franc	1,0051	ZAR	South African rand	18,2482
ISK	Iceland króna	154,30	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	7,2729
NOK	Norwegian krone	10,6945	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	16 412,00
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,6890
CZK	Czech koruna	24,011	PHP	Philippine peso	59,440
HUF	Hungarian forint	396,96	RUB	Russian rouble	
PLN	Polish zloty	4,6888	THB	Thai baht	35,751
RON	Romanian leu	4,9423	BRL	Brazilian real	5,5512
TRY	Turkish lira	20,3196	MXN	Mexican peso	20,4391
AUD	Australian dollar	1,5586	INR	Indian rupee	88,0960

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

(2023/C 14/04)



National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by France

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

Issuing country: France

Subject of commemoration: Olympic Games 2024

Description of the design: One hundred years after the 1924 Olympic Games, France is once again hosting the Summer Games, which will take place in Paris in 2024, an event with international echo whose intensity gradually builds in the years leading up to the event.

On the occasion of the countdown to the Olympic Games, Monnaie de Paris wishes to celebrate the road to the Games. It therefore plans to issue each year 2022, 2023 and 2024 a commemorative two-euro coin with an original face celebrating the Games, through the heritage of France and Paris.

The design represents the genius, a national figure and icon of French numismatics. It is depicted practicing discus throwing in an 'ancient' way in reference to the Olympic Games of the Antique era. His silhouette blends with the one of the Arc de Triomphe, a key element of Parisian heritage. It forms a common axis with this emblematic monument of victory. In the background, an athletics track in which the emblem of Paris 2024 is inserted on the right side, is represented. The year date, the mention RF and the mintmarks are inserted under the arch and around the foot of the Arc.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 260 000

Date of issue: September 2022

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

V

(Announcements)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK

Call for proposals**SIT 2023 — Ideas that change the world: the EIB Institute's 2023 Social Innovation Tournament***(2023/C 14/05)***EIB Institute organises its 12th Social Innovation Tournament.**

The SIT promotes innovative ideas and rewards initiatives that **create social and environmental impact**, covering projects in a wide range of fields — from education, healthcare and job creation to new technologies, systems and processes. All projects compete for two prizes in a General Category, and projects addressing this year's topic of sustainable cities and communities will also compete for two prizes in the Special Category. The winning projects in both categories will be awarded a first or second prize of EUR 100 000 or EUR 40 000, and an Audience Choice Award of EUR 10 000.

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For further information on this tournament and how to submit an innovative proposal, go to: <http://institute.eib.org/programmes/social/social-innovation-tournament/>

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration **(Case M.10807 – VIASAT / INMARSAT)**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2023/C 14/06)

1. On 9 January 2023, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 22 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Viasat, Inc. ('Viasat', US),
- Inmarsat Group Holdings Limited ('Inmarsat', UK), controlled by Connect Topco Limited ('Connect Topco', Guernsey).

Viasat will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Inmarsat.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

The concentration has been referred to the Commission by the Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission ('CNMC') pursuant to Article 22(3) of the Merger Regulation. The referral was subsequently joined by Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania and Sweden.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

- for Viasat: publicly-listed company which provides two-way satellite-based communications services globally, and owns and operates 4 geostationary earth orbit satellites. Viasat has three core business segments: satellite services, commercial networks, and government systems,
- for Inmarsat: privately-held company which offers two-way satellite-based communications services globally, and owns and operates 15 geostationary earth orbit satellites. Inmarsat is organised into four business unit: maritime, government, aviation, and enterprise.

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. The following reference should always be specified:

M.10807 – VIASAT/INMARSAT

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

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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