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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Withdrawal of notification of a concentration**(Case M.8492 — Quaker/Global Houghton)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2018/C 106/01)

Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004

On 2 February 2018, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration between Quaker and Global Houghton. On 16 March 2018, the notifying party/ies informed the Commission that it/they withdrew its/their notification.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case M.8810 — Ardian/DRT)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2018/C 106/02)

On 15 March 2018, 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 French 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 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 32018M8810. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case M.8697 — APMH Invest/Mitsui/Maersk Product Tankers)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 106/03)

On 15 March 2018, 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 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 32018M8697. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.
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⁽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⁾

20 March 2018

(2018/C 106/04)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate
USD US dollar	1,2276	CAD Canadian dollar	1,6040
JPY Japanese yen	130,72	HKD Hong Kong dollar	9,6295
DKK Danish krone	7,4485	NZD New Zealand dollar	1,7039
GBP Pound sterling	0,87715	SGD Singapore dollar	1,6174
SEK Swedish krona	10,0563	KRW South Korean won	1 314,93
CHF Swiss franc	1,1721	ZAR South African rand	14,6788
ISK Iceland króna	122,50	CNY Chinese yuan renminbi	7,7744
NOK Norwegian krone	9,4863	HRK Croatian kuna	7,4423
BGN Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR Indonesian rupiah	16 893,01
CZK Czech koruna	25,423	MYR Malaysian ringgit	4,8091
HUF Hungarian forint	311,13	PHP Philippine peso	63,926
PLN Polish zloty	4,2277	RUB Russian rouble	70,8466
RON Romanian leu	4,6663	THB Thai baht	38,301
TRY Turkish lira	4,8238	BRL Brazilian real	4,0410
AUD Australian dollar	1,5934	MXN Mexican peso	23,0086
		INR Indian rupee	80,0370

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

COMMISSION DECISION**of 14 March 2018****on the Facility for Refugees in Turkey amending Commission Decision C(2015) 9500 as regards the contribution to the Facility for Refugees in Turkey**

(2018/C 106/05)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 210(2) and 214(6),

Whereas:

- (1) Point 6 of the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016 (the 'Statement') stated that the Union would mobilise funding for the Facility of an additional EUR 3 000 000 000 up to the end of 2018 once the initially allocated EUR 3 000 000 000 under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (the 'Facility') are about to be used to the full and provided the relevant conditions are met.
- (2) The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States drew up on 3 February 2016 a 'Common Understanding establishing a governance and conditionality framework for the Refugee Facility for Turkey between the EU Member States and the Commission' (the 'Common Understanding').
- (3) The Commission notes that the distribution of contributions for the first tranche was EUR 1 000 000 000 from the Union budget and EUR 2 000 000 000 from Member States. It considers that the second tranche should follow the same distribution for 2018-2019.
- (4) The progressive delivery of the assistance is conditional on the continued implementation of the understanding between the European Union and the Republic of Turkey to step up their cooperation on support of persons under temporary protection and migration management in a coordinated effort to address the crisis.
- (5) The individual financial contributions from Member States should be included in the Union's budget as external assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽¹⁾. The Commission, as having the sole responsibility for implementing the Union's budget in accordance with Article 317 of the Treaty, should be provided, on behalf of the Union, with contribution certificates by the Member States. Each contribution certificate expressed in euro has the effect of allowing the Commission to make the relevant commitment appropriation available upon receiving that certificate, in line with Article 7(2) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁽²⁾. The individual contribution certificates are to be based on a single template allowing for adaptation, where necessary, to specific needs.
- (6) Decisions relating to and actions providing humanitarian assistance will be implemented in line with Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96⁽³⁾ and according to the principles laid down in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid⁽⁴⁾.
- (7) For the above reasons it is necessary to amend Commission Decision C(2015) 9500 accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Commission Decision C(2015) 9500 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'This Decision establishes a coordination mechanism — the Facility for Refugees in Turkey ("the Facility") — to assist Turkey in addressing the immediate humanitarian and development needs of the refugees and persons eligible for subsidiary protection and their host communities, national and local authorities in managing and addressing the consequences of the inflow of refugees and persons eligible for subsidiary protection.;

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid (OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Joint Statement by the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission 'The European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid' (OJ C 25, 30.1.2008, p. 1).

(2) in Article 2, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'The specific objective of the Facility is to enhance the efficiency and complementarity of support provided to refugees and persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and their host communities, national and local authorities in managing and addressing the consequences of the inflow of refugees and persons eligible for subsidiary protection.';

(3) in Article 4, paragraphs 1 and 2 are replaced by the following:

'1. The Facility shall coordinate an amount of EUR 3 000 000 000 for 2016-2017, and an additional amount of EUR 3 000 000 000 for 2018-2019.

EU budget contribution

2. EUR 1 000 000 000 out of the respective overall amounts of EUR 3 000 000 000 for 2016-2017, as well as for 2018-2019, shall be financed from the EU budget, subject to subsequent individual financing decisions in accordance with Article 84(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and in accordance with its financial rules and the requirements of the respective basic act.';

(4) in Article 4, the following paragraph 4 is added:

'4. Member States shall provide an amount of EUR 2 000 000 000 for 2018-2019 on the basis of the breakdown of contributions based on the Gross National Income (GNI) key [based on the 2018 budget of the European Union].';

(5) in Article 5 paragraph 1, point (iv) is replaced by the following:

'(iv) monitor contributions from Member States, according to the contribution schedule provided for in the contribution certificate of each Member State.';

(6) in Article 8, paragraph 3, is replaced by the following:

'The Commission, in full coordination with Member States, shall carry out an evaluation of the first tranche of the Facility by 31 December 2021, and of the second tranche by 31 December 2023.';

(7) in Article 9 paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. This Facility is established from 1 January 2016 for financial contributions under the budgetary years 2016-2017 and for financial contributions under the budgetary years 2018-2019. It will be managed on the basis of Member States contributions and their timing, communicated to and acknowledged by the Commission.'.

Article 2

1. This Decision enters into force on the day of its adoption.
2. It will be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 14 March 2018.

For the Commission

Johannes HAHN

Member of the Commission

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Adoption of the Commission Decision on the Facility for Refugees in Turkey amending Commission Decision C(2015) 9500 as regards the contribution to the Facility for Refugees in Turkey

The Facility for Refugees in Turkey was set up in 2015 as a powerful demonstration of the EU's commitment to supporting refugees in Turkey. It combined both humanitarian and non-humanitarian support to assist Turkey in its efforts to host refugees. The first tranche of funding under the Facility amounted to EUR 3 billion for 2016 and 2017.

The mobilisation of the first tranche of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey has been a success. The full operational envelope of the EUR 3 billion has been programmed, committed and contracted in the space of 21 months since the EU-Turkey Statement of March 2016. The 2nd Annual Report on the Facility⁽¹⁾ includes detailed information on the achievements and the implementation of a total of 72 projects. The report confirms tangible results. This includes the delivery of monthly income support to almost 1.2 million of the most vulnerable refugees with monthly cash transfers under the Emergency Social Safety Net; the provision of Turkish language training to 312 000 refugee children and educational materials to 500 000 students; and primary health care consultations for almost 764 000 refugees and the vaccination of more than 217 000 Syrian refugee infants. The governance of the Facility also allowed a partnership approach between the EU and the Member States, and joint governance would not be possible with funding coming exclusively from the EU budget.

The EU has a strong interest in continuing what has proved to work well. This Commission Decision has therefore been prepared with the aim of ensuring that the valuable work of the Facility can continue, as set out in the EU-Turkey Statement.

The EU-Turkey Statement confirmed that the EU will mobilise an additional EUR 3 billion for the Facility by end-2018 if the relevant conditions were met. With a view to ensuring the continuity of Facility projects and uninterrupted support to refugees, a decision on additional funding is therefore required. Therefore, the Commission is adopting a decision on a second allocation of EUR 3 billion for the Facility for Refugees in Turkey. The 2016 and 2017 budget mobilised under the Facility was made up of EUR 1 billion from the EU budget and EUR 2 billion from Member States contributions as external assigned revenue. It is proposed to continue this arrangement for 2018 and 2019. This distribution ensures that sufficient margins remain in the EU budget to deal with emergencies and unexpected crises until the end of the current multi-annual financial framework, in particular in the area of migration.

The mobilisation of contributions from Member States to the Facility for 2016 and 2017 followed a Common Understanding establishing a governance and conditionality framework for the Refugee Facility for Turkey by the Commission and the Representatives of the Governments of the 28 Member States⁽²⁾. The governance structure of the Facility, the core of which is a committee in which all Member States vote and Turkey participates in an advisory capacity, has proven very effective. Were the EU budget alone to contribute to the second tranche, standard EU rules would apply and the Member States would be excluded from the governance of the Facility. The Commission invites the Member States to set up a similar arrangement in respect of the years 2018 and 2019, with individual financial contributions from Member States to be included in the Union's budget as external assigned revenue, as was the case for the first tranche.

⁽¹⁾ Commission Communication COM(2018) 91 of 13 March 2018.

⁽²⁾ Common Understanding establishing a governance and conditionality framework for the Refugee Facility for Turkey by the Commission and the Representatives of the Governments of the 28 Member States of 5 February 2016.

AUTHORITY FOR EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND EUROPEAN POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS

Decision of the Authority for European political parties and European political foundations of 13 November 2017

not to register Identités & traditions européennes

(Only the English text is authentic)

(2018/C 106/06)

THE AUTHORITY FOR EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND EUROPEAN POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations ⁽¹⁾, in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to the submission received from Identités & traditions européennes ASBL,

Whereas:

- (1) The Authority for European political parties and European political foundations (the 'Authority') received a submission from Identités & traditions européennes ASBL ('ITE') for registration as a European political foundation (the 'submission') on 28 September 2017,
- (2) The submission was accompanied by a letter co-signed by the president of ITE and the president of Alliance européenne des mouvements nationaux ('AEMN'), the association with which ITE is formally affiliated as per Article 16 bis of its statutes,
- (3) The Authority sent a preliminary assessment to ITE on 4 October 2017, whereby it preliminarily established that, without prejudice to the question of whether the submission constituted an application under terms of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, the submission was inadmissible or, in the alternative, did not meet at least one of the conditions laid down in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014,
- (4) The Authority invited ITE to provide any written observations it wished to submit by Friday, 20 October 2017,
- (5) ITE did not avail itself of that opportunity and, to date, it has not submitted any observations,
- (6) The Authority has assessed the admissibility and merits of the submission, without prejudice to the question of whether it constitutes an application under the terms of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014,
- (7) The Authority considers that, even if it were to be regarded as an application under the terms of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, the submission would not be admissible because, pursuant to Article 8(1) of that Regulation, an application for registration as a European political foundation can only be filed through the European political party with which that foundation is formally affiliated,
- (8) ITE is formally affiliated with AEMN, which is not a European political party registered in accordance with the conditions and procedures laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014,
- (9) The submission does not therefore comply with the formal requirement laid down in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014,
- (10) In addition, the Authority considers that, even if it were to be regarded as an admissible application under the terms of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, the submission would fail on the merits because, pursuant to letter (a) of Article 3(2) of that Regulation, registration is conditional upon an applicant being affiliated with a European political party registered in accordance with the conditions and procedures laid down in that Regulation,
- (11) As set out in recital 8, AEMN is not a European political party registered in accordance with the conditions and procedures laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 1.

- (12) The submission does not therefore fulfil one of the conditions laid down in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, notably the condition under letter (a) of Article 3(2) of that Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The submission lodged by Identités & traditions européennes for registration as a European political foundation is hereby rejected.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its notification.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to

Identités & traditions européennes
Rue des Alliés 15
6044 Roux (Charleroi)
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

Done at Brussels, 13 November 2017.

*For the Authority for European political parties and European
political foundations*

The Director

M. ADAM

COURT OF AUDITORS

Special Report No 9/2018

'Public Private Partnerships in the EU: Widespread shortcomings and limited benefits'

(2018/C 106/07)

The European Court of Auditors hereby informs you that Special Report No 9/2018 'Public Private Partnerships in the EU: Widespread shortcomings and limited benefits' has just been published.

The report can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the European Court of Auditors' website:
<http://eca.europa.eu>

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(Announcements)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS EACEA/10/2018**under the Erasmus+ programme****Key action 3: Support for policy reform****Social inclusion and common values: the contribution in the field of education, training and youth***(2018/C 106/08)***1. Objectives**

This call for proposals will support transnational cooperation projects in the fields of education, training and youth.

The call comprises two lots, one for education and training (Lot 1) and one for youth (Lot 2).

Each application must address one general objective and one of the specific objectives, which are listed separately for Lot 1 and for Lot 2. Both the general and specific objectives of the call are exhaustive: proposals that do not address them will not be considered.

General objectives

Projects submitted under this call under both lots should aim at:

1. Disseminating and/or scaling up good practices on inclusive education/youth environments and/or on promoting common values, initiated in particular at local level. In the context of the present call, scaling up means replicating good practice on a wider scale/transferring it to a different context or implementing it at a higher/systemic level;

or

2. Developing and implementing innovative methods and practices to foster inclusive education/youth environments and promote common values in specific contexts.

Projects under both Lots are encouraged to actively involve role models as well as activities related to the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, where appropriate.

LOT 1 — EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Specific objectives:

- enhancing the acquisition of social and civic competences, fostering knowledge, understanding and ownership of common values and fundamental rights,
- promoting inclusive education and training and fostering the education of disadvantaged learners, including through supporting teachers, educators and leaders of educational institutions in dealing with diversity and reinforcing socioeconomic diversity in the learning environment,
- enhancing critical thinking and media literacy among learners, parents and educational staff,
- supporting the inclusion of newly arrived migrants in good quality education, including by assessing knowledge and validating prior learning,

- fostering digital skills and competences of digitally excluded groups (including older people, migrants and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds) through partnerships between schools, business and the non-formal sector, including public libraries,
- promoting European values, cultural heritage and heritage-related skills, common history, intercultural dialogue and social inclusion through education, non-formal and lifelong learning, in line with the objectives of the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage.

LOT 2 — YOUTH

Specific objectives:

- promoting civic participation of young people by developing the role of volunteering for social inclusion,
- preventing marginalisation and radicalisation leading to violent extremism of young people.

2. Eligibility

2.1. Eligible applicants

Eligible applicants are public and private organisations active in the field of education, training and youth or other socioeconomic sectors or organisations carrying out cross-sector activities (e.g. cultural organisations, civil society, sport organisations, recognition centres, chambers of commerce, trade organisations, etc.).

Only legal entities established in the following programme countries are eligible:

- the 28 Member States of the European Union,
- the EFTA/EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway,
- EU candidate countries: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey.

The minimum partnership composition requirement for this call is four eligible organisations from four different programme countries.

If networks are involved in the project, the consortium must include at least two organisations which are not members of the network(s) and the consortium has to represent at least four eligible countries.

2.2. Eligible activities and project duration

Only activities taking place in programme countries (see Section 2.1) will be considered eligible for funding. Any costs relating to activities undertaken outside these countries or by organisations that are not registered in the programme countries are not eligible. Exceptionally and on a case-by-case basis, activities that involve other countries than the programme countries can be granted but must have the prior and specific authorisation from the Executive Agency.

Activities must start either on 31 December 2018; 15 or 31 January 2019.

The project duration must be 24 or 36 months.

3. Expected results and examples of activities

Projects under **Lot 1 — Education and training** should lead to results such as:

- increased awareness, knowledge and understanding of good practices in the relevant educational institutions and communities,
- increased use of state-of-the-art innovative approaches in policy or practice,
- increased awareness, motivation and competence of educational leaders and educators with regard to inclusive educational approaches and the promotion of common values,
- active engagement of families and local communities in supporting inclusive educational approaches and the promotion of common values,
- more widespread and effective tools to support education and training institutions and learning providers in implementing inclusive education approaches and in promoting common values.

Projects under **Lot 2 — Youth** should lead to results such as:

- improved social, civic and inter-cultural competences and skills of young people, including active citizenship, media and digital literacy, critical judgement and intercultural understanding; greater youth participation in social and civic life,
- improved and innovative ways of cooperation or partnerships between non-formal education sector and schools (e.g. use of non-formal methodologies and informal learning within formal education settings for civic education),
- enhanced awareness among young people of their fundamental rights and sense of belonging to society, stronger endorsement of democratic values and engagement in practices of anti-racism, intercultural and inter-faith dialogue and mutual understanding,
- improved outreach to young people from disadvantaged groups (e.g. young people in a 'NEET' ⁽¹⁾ situation or young people with a migrant background) by building synergies with the local community and making best use of existing networks at local level,
- enhanced capacity of youth work, youth organisations and/or youth networks to act as forces of inclusion by empowering young people to engage, volunteer and drive positive change in communities,
- improved expertise in providing basic assistance or equipping of newly arrived migrants and refugees with the skills they need to integrate in a different society or which could be useful for reintegration in the country of origin when the conflict is over, as well as the appreciation of cultural diversity in the community,
- better integration of newly arrived migrants and refugees and enhanced inclusive climate in the hosting societies, in particular through the planning and organisation of cultural or social activities at local level involving locals and volunteers where appropriate,
- better information on social media, websites, public meetings, to support the volunteering efforts of the organisation.

4. **Budget available:**

The total budget available for the co-financing of projects under the present call is EUR 14 000 000 allocated as follows:

- Lot 1 — Education and training EUR 12 000 000,
- Lot 2 — Youth EUR 2 000 000.

The financial contribution from the EU cannot exceed 80 % of the total eligible project costs.

The maximum grant per project will be EUR 500 000.

The Agency reserves the right not to distribute all the funds available.

5. **Award criteria**

Eligible proposals will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- (1) Relevance of the project (30 %);
- (2) Quality of the project design and implementation (20 %);
- (3) Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements (20 %);
- (4) Impact, dissemination and sustainability (30 %).

6. **Submission procedure and deadline**

The submission deadline is: **22 May 2018 — 13.00** (Brussels time).

⁽¹⁾ Not in employment, education or training.

Applicants are requested to read carefully all information about the call for proposals EACEA/10/2018 and the submission procedure and to use the obligatory documents, which can be found under:

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en (Call reference EACEA/10/2018)

The application and its annexes must be submitted online using the designated e-form.

7. **Call information**

All information on the Call **EACEA/10/2018** is available from the following website:

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en (Call reference EACEA/10/2018)

Email contact: EACEA-Policy-Support@ec.europa.eu

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8853 — AXA/CDC/Cible dans Toulon Grand Var)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 106/09)

1. On 13 March 2018, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- the AXA group (France),
- Caisse des dépôts et consignations ('CDC', France),
- the target asset (the 'Target', France).

AXA and CDC acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the Target.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for AXA: global insurance group active in life and health insurance, other forms of insurance, and investment management;
- for CDC: a public institution carrying out activities of general interest, consisting in particular of the management of private funds to which the government wishes to afford particular protection and activities open to competition in the environmental, real-estate, investment and capital investment, and services sectors;
- for the Target: three joint property lots, consisting of two retail units in a shopping mall in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region.

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 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 this notification. The following reference should always be specified:

M.8853 — AXA/CDC/Cible dans Toulon Grand Var

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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

Email: COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu

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Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8788 — Apple Inc./Shazam Entertainment Limited)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 106/10)

1. On 14 March 2018, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Apple Inc. (United States),
- Shazam Entertainment Limited (United Kingdom).

Apple Inc. acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Shazam Entertainment Limited.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

The concentration has been referred to the Commission by the Federal Competition Authority of Austria pursuant to Article 22(3) of the Merger Regulation. The referral was subsequently joined by the national competition authorities of France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Iceland and Norway.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Apple Inc.: design, manufacture and marketing of mobile communication and media devices, personal computers and portable digital music players, and sale of variety of related software, services, peripherals, networking solutions and third-party digital content and applications,
- for Shazam Entertainment Limited: development of the Shazam app, which as its core functionality allows users to recognise music.

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.

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M.8788 — Apple Inc./Shazam Entertainment Limited

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

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8845 — TA Associates/Rothschild/Datix)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 106/11)

1. On 14 March 2018, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾. This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Rothschild & CO SCA ('Rothschild') (France),
- TA Associates Cayman Ltd ('TA Associates') (Cayman Islands),
- Datix Holdings Limited ('Datix') (UK).

Rothschild and TA Associates acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Datix. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Rothschild: an independent financial advisory group providing M&A, strategy and financing advice, as well as investment and wealth management solutions to large institutions, families, individuals and governments, worldwide,
- for TA Associates: an investor in five core sectors, namely business services, consumer, financial services, healthcare and technology industries in North America, Europe and Asia,
- for Datix: a provider of patient safety and incident reporting software.

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 the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

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⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

