

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.5427 — Dexia Crédit Local/Dexia Kommunalkredit Bank)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2009/C 41/12)

1. On 12 February 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Dexia Crédit Local ('Dexia CL', France), belonging to Dexia Group (Belgium), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation sole control of Dexia Kommunalkredit Bank AG ('Dexia-Komm', Austria), which was jointly controlled by Dexia CL and Kommunalkredit Austria AG, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Dexia CL: public finance services, mainly in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Ireland, United Kingdom, Japan, Sweden and the United States,
- for Dexia Komm: public finance services, mainly in Central and Eastern Europe,
- for Dexia Group: financial services worldwide.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. 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 said 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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5427 — Dexia Crédit Local/Dexia Kommunalkredit Bank, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.