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Study Visit on Application of State Aid Rules

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Presidency of the Council of Ministers
Department for European Policies, Italy

15 – 17 January 2020

Venue:

Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Department for
European Policies, Office for the coordination in the matter of
State Aid

Largo Chigi, 19 – 00187

ROME

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Day 1: Wednesday 15 January 2020

Chair: Mr Valerio Vecchietti, Director, Department for European Policies, Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Venue: Largo Chigi, 19 – 00187 Rome, Italy (sala Polifunzionale)

9:00 - 9:30	<i>Registration of participants and coffee welcome</i>
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome address: Mr Valerio Vecchietti, Director, Department for European Policies, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (PCM-DPE)
9:45 – 10:00	Italian organization on the implementation of State aid rules Ms Gilda Carbone, PCM-DPE
10:00 – 11:30	Ex-post monitoring of investment projects, including those that are fully or partly financed from EU funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Monitoring of State aid projects; – Monitoring of non-aid projects. Practical application issues in claw-back mechanism. Possible ways in your experience to commercialize results of projects. Mr Salvatore Lombardo, Ministry for Economic Development
11:30 – 13:00	Concept of purely ancillary activity of infrastructure: concept, examples in practice of ancillary activity of infrastructure, calculation of part of ancillary activity (in terms of square feet or in terms of time). Concept of customary amenities (conditions, examples from practice). Mr Gaetano Reale, PCM-DPE Ms Talitha Vassalli di Dachenhausen, Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities
13:00- 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
	<i>Please be reminded to sign the attendance list</i>
14:00- 17:00	Central register of de minimis aid (IT system) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developments of de minimis central register; • the benefits of the registry for the beneficiary of de minimis aid and State aid provider; • organization of practical assistance to users of central register of de minimis aid. Mr Giuseppe Bronzino, Ms Isabella Panunzio, Mr Fabio Pagliarini, Ministry for Economic Development, Italy
17:30	End of day 1

Day 2: Thursday 16 January 2020

Chair: Mr Valerio Vecchietti, Director, Department for European Policies, Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Venue: Via della Mercede, 9 – 00187 Rome, Italy (sala 32 – ground floor)

	<i>Please be reminded to sign the attendance list</i>
9:30 - 11:00	<p>RDI and state aid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex-post monitoring of results, application of claw-back mechanism mentioned in the state aid regulations, practical examples of ancillary activities and customary amenities. • Experience in implementation of non-economic research projects (managing risks if they become state aid projects). <p>Mr Gianluigi Consoli, Ministry of Education, University and Research, Directorate-General for the coordination, promotion and enhancement of research</p>
11:00 - 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 - 13:00	<p>Application of SGEI legal framework (SGEI <i>de minimis</i> regulation, Commission decision (2012/21/EU)), in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – areas, in which SGEI (<i>de minimis</i> regulation and Commission decision) is applied or planned to be applied; – practical aspects in the calculation and control of compensation; – experience in applying Altmark. – <p>Mr Gaetano Reale; Mr Andrea Ghirlanda, Lombardia Region</p>
13:00- 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
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14:00 - 15:00	<p>Financial support for housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – analysis of the presence of state aid (social housing, rental apartments, etc.); – state aid regulations applied to support for social housing, if any; practical issues. <p>Ms Costanza Pera, Ministry for Infrastructure and Transport</p>
15:00 - 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15 - 17:00	<p>Financial support for social enterprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – analysis of the presence of state aid; – state aid regulations applied to support for social enterprises; practical issues. <p>Mr Ciro Colangelo, Ministry for Economic Development; with the attendance of Ms Caterina Farre, Ministry of Labour and social policy, Directorate General of the Third Sector and of corporate social responsibility</p>
17:00	End of day 2

Day 3: Friday 17 January 2020

Chair: Mr Valerio Vecchietti, Director, Department for European Policies, Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Venue: Largo Chigi, 19 – 00187 Rome, Italy (sala Monumentale)

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9:30 - 11:00	<p>Communication experience with European Commission regarding recovery cases. National legislation for recovery of unlawful state aid, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appeal of recovery decision (administrative or civil procedure); • special legislation for appeal of recovery decision, if it exists in Italy (urgency, interim measures); • recovery in case of insolvency of undertaking; • limitation period for recovery of unlawful aid, especially if recovered at the initiative of Italy. <p>Mr Valerio Vecchietti, Ms Marika Langella</p>
11:00 - 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 - 13:00	<p>Other aspects of recovery process of unlawful state aid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – recovery of illegal state aid in case of “automatic” state aid schemes (without special decision on granting of aid); – national register of decisions on recovery of unlawful state aid, if any. • Practical application of Deggendorf principle; • Responsibilities of institutions involved: responsibility of granting authority (and/or officials) in case of unlawful aid is granted. <p>Ministry of Economy, Ms Stefania Pasquino</p>
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
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14:00 - 15:30	<p>National court proceedings on state aid issues, especially regarding recovery of unlawful state aid</p> <p>State Attorney, Mr Sergio Fiorentino</p>
15:30 - 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 - 17:00	<p>Conclusion of the study visit. Questions and answers. Conclusions from previous days.</p> <p>Mr Valerio Vecchietti</p>
17:00	End of the Study Visit