

Changes between the original and the new temporary framework as from 2011

Temporary state aid Framework to ease access to finance during crisis (ended 31 Dec 2010)	New Temporary Framework for 2011
<p>Subsidised guarantees on bank loans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SMEs: reduction of up to 25% compared with margin grid [estimated market rate] for investment & working capital loans - Large: up to 15% reduction from margin grid for investment & working capital loans - up to 90% guarantee coverage - firms in difficulty as of 1 July 2008 included 	<p>Subsidised guarantees on bank loans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SMEs: up to 15% reduction from margin grid for investment & working capital loans - Large: 0% reduction; only investment loans, up to 80% guarantee coverage - firms in difficulty excluded
<p>Subsidised bank loans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SMEs: investment & working capital loans - Large: investment & working capital loans - firms in difficulty as of 1 July 2008 included 	<p>Subsidised bank loans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SMEs: investment & working capital loans - Large companies - investment loans only - firms in difficulty excluded
<p>Investment loans for Green products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - interest-rate reduction of 50% for SMEs - interest-rate reduction of 25% for large companies 	<p>Investment loans for Green products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - interest-rate reduction of 25% for SMEs - interest-rate reduction of 15% for large companies
<p>Aid up to €500.000 per company with notification</p>	<p>Normal €200,000 <i>de minimis</i> (no aid) rule applies</p>
<p>Export credit insurance</p>	<p>Export credit insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No changes in TF - The short-term export-credit communication is prolonged for two years
<p>Aid to promote Risk Capital investment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increased maximum tranches of finance to €2.5 million from €1.5m per SME over 12 months - reduction of the level of private participation from 50% to 30%. 	<p>Aid to promote Risk Capital investment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brought into point 4.3.1 of the Risk Capital Guidelines. (<i>the mid-term Review of the Risk Capital Guidelines explains why this modification is necessary and justified</i>). - Revert to normal 50/50 rule

For more information see:

State aid temporary rules established in response to the economic and financial crisis
http://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/legislation/temporary.html