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## Commission decisions on State aid to the Press

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#	Decision	Member State	Decision Date	Decision type (*)
30	<a href="#">SA.49405 (2018/N) - Media Aid - Sweden</a>	SE	22/10/2018	Article 4(3)
Operational subsidies for newspapers and distribution subsidies for collaborative distribution schemes for printed newspapers, but it also intends to give incentives for the provision of local news coverage in areas with little or no journalistic coverage. Furthermore, it also provides innovation and development support.				
29	<a href="#">SA.47973 (2017/N) - French Press Aid 2015 Decree</a>	FR	05/12/2017	Article 4(3)
Support to political and general information periodicals with low advertising revenues.				
28	<a href="#">SA.35474 (2015/E) - State aid to news agency EFE</a>	ES	09/12/2016	Article 23(1)
Aid in favour of the Spanish news agency EFE. The measure constitutes a service of general economic interest, entrusting EFE, a Spanish international news agency, with the task to assure an independent reporting source for Spanish language media.				
27	<a href="#">SA.45512 (2016/N) - Aid to support the Valencian language in the press</a>	ES	01/08/2016	Article 4(2)
Aid to printed and digital press in Valencia or with an offer targeting Valencia, for publications in the Valencian language.				
26	<a href="#">SA.43878 (2015/N) - State aid for cultural periodicals</a>	ES	26/01/2016	Article 4(3)
Aid for the publication of periodicals (in print and online) which have an outstanding cultural significance but with a limited commercial potential. Such aid was already approved in 2012 (SA.34138).				
25	<a href="#">SA.43271 (2015/N) - Development aid for printed news media</a>	SE	12/02/2016	Article 4(3)
Supports innovative projects undertaken by printed news media to promote digital publishing.				
24	<a href="#">SA.42308 (2015/N) - Press aid to newspapers (SA.23923, E4/2008)</a>	SE	27/11/2015	Article 4(3)
Support to various periodicals, depending on volume and geographical coverage.				
23	<a href="#">SA.30481 (2012/E) - State Aid in favour of Agence France-Press (AFP)</a>	FR	28/10/2014	Article 23(1)
Support to the activities of the French International Press Agency Agence France-Presse (AFP) defined as a service of general economic interest. The support takes the form of various measures and aims to assure an independent international reporting source for media in France and in other countries.				
22	<a href="#">SA.36366 (2013/N) – Production and innovation aid to written media</a>	DK	04/07/2014	Article 4(3)
Aid to printed and online media; eligibility and selection criteria are focussed on the quality of content. The scheme also includes innovation aid aiming to promote new business models in a situation where the technological possibilities for media are rapidly evolving.				
21	<a href="#">SA.35816 (2012/N) - Individual aid to Petit Press, a.s.</a>	SK	30/05/2013	Article 4(3)
Individual aid to Petit Press a.s. for the publication of the newspaper "Új Szó" and weekly magazine "Vasárnap" targeted towards the Hungarian minority living in Slovakia.				
20	<a href="#">SA.35815 (2012/N) - Individual aid to LILIUM AURUM, s.r.o.</a>	SK	30/05/2013	Article 4(3)
Individual aid to Lilium, s.r.o for the publication of Hungarian language magazines and books targeted towards the Hungarian minority living in Slovakia.				
19	<a href="#">SA.35814 (2012/N) - Individual aid to MADÁCH-POSONIUM, s.r.o.</a>	SK	30/05/2013	Article 4(3)



Individual aid to Madách-Posonium, s.r.o for the publication of Hungarian language magazines, web site and books targeted towards the Hungarian minority living in Slovakia. .				
18	<a href="#">SA.35595 (2012/N) – Prolongation of Promotion of the Publishing Industry in Slovenia</a>	SI	24/01/2013	Article 4(3)
Support to publication of books and magazines; international publishing activities; development of reading culture; working grants for authors and translators in the fields of literature and the humanities.				
17	<a href="#">SA.33243 (2012/NN) - Jornal da Madeira</a>	PT	07/11/2012	Article 4(2)
Support to Empresa do Jornal da Madeira, Lda. (EJM) which publishes daily newspapers devoted predominantly to affairs concerning the region.				
16	<a href="#">SA.34885 (2012/N) - Aid for newspapers - Finland – prolongation</a>	FI	04/07/2012	Article 4(3)
Support to newspapers published in national minority languages (such as Sámi, Romany and Swedish) and for the production of Swedish-language news services.				
15	<a href="#">SA.34168 (2012/N) – Publishing aid for Basque literature</a>	ES	18/06/2012	Article 4(3)
Support to publishing houses in order to incentivise the production of literature type of publications in the Basque language.				
14	<a href="#">SA.34138 (2012/N) – Aid for publishing cultural magazines</a>	ES	31/05/2012	Article 4(3)
Support to the publication of cultural magazines which have only limited commercial potential due to their cultural character.				
13	<a href="#">SA.32886 (2011/N) – Tax credit aid in favour of publishing</a>	IT	05/10/2011	Article 4(3)
A tax credit of 10% for publishers of the cost incurred in 2011 for the purchase of paper which was effectively used to print publications in Italian language.				
12	<a href="#">SA.23923 (E4/2008) - Press aid to newspapers</a>	SE	20/07/2010	Article 23(1)
Support to various periodicals. The aid is calculated on the basis of volume of publication and the geographical coverage.				
11	<a href="#">SA.24120 (N537/2007) - Aid for newspapers – Finland</a>	FI	20/05/2008	Article 4(3)
Support to newspapers' operating costs. Parliamentary subsidies are given to political parties with parliamentary representation and in proportion to this representation in order to support the party press and electronic publications. Selective subsidies support newspapers published in minority languages.				
10	<a href="#">SA.21894 (N712/2006) - Aid to LOAR s.r.o. for publishing a periodical Uj No</a>	SK	21/12/2006	Article 4(3)
Individual aid for publishing “Új Nő”, a periodical aimed at the Hungarian minority in Slovakia.				
9	<a href="#">SA.21834 (N687/2006) - Aid for periodical "OS-Forum občianskej spolocnosti" - Slovak Republic</a>	SK	18/12/2006	Article 4(3)
Individual aid in favour of a periodical.				
8	<a href="#">SA.21815 (N675/2006) - Aid for newspaper "Szabad Ujsag" - Slovak Republic</a>	SK	15/12/2006	Article 4(3)
Individual aid for publishing “Szabad Újság”, a newspaper aimed at the Hungarian minority in Slovakia.				
7	<a href="#">SA.21795 (N664/2006) - Aid for newspaper "Uj Szo" - Slovak Republic</a>	SK	11/12/2006	Article 4(3)
Individual aid for publishing “Új Szó”, a daily newspaper aimed at the Hungarian minority in Slovakia.				
6	<a href="#">SA.21794 (N663/2006) - Aid for periodical "Vasarnap" - Slovak Republic</a>	SK	11/12/2006	Article 4(3)
Individual aid for publishing “Vasárnap”, a periodical aimed at the Hungarian minority in Slovakia.				
5	<a href="#">SA.21789 (N660/2006) - Aid for a newspaper to KALLIGRAM - Slovak Republic</a>	SK	11/12/2006	Article 4(3)
Individual aid for publishing “Kalligram”, a newspaper aimed at the Hungarian minority in Slovakia.				



4	<a href="#">SA.21053 (N306/2006) – Aid for the distribution of daily papers</a>	DK	12/10/2006	Article 4(3)
Aid granted to publishers of daily newspapers in order to cover part of the distribution costs.				
3	<a href="#">SA.19697 (N355/05) – KALLIGRAM, s.r.o. - Individual aid in favour of newspaper</a>	SK	23/11/2005	Article 4(3)
Support to a minority language (Hungarian) journal for literature.				
2	<a href="#">SA.19696 (N354/05) – Individual aid in favour of newspaper - MADACH-POSONIUM, s.r.o. Bratislava</a>	SK	23/11/2005	Article 4(3)
Support to a minority language (Hungarian) journal.				
1	<a href="#">SA.19695 (N352/05) – LOAR S.R.O. - Individual aid in favour of newspaper</a>	SK	23/11/2005	Article 4(3)
Support to a minority language (Hungarian) journal for women.				

(\*) **Commission decisions:** the Commission issues the following types of decisions – as defined in the Council Regulation (EC) No 2015/1589 of 13 July 2015 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 108 of the EC Treaty (*Official Journal L 248, 24.09.2015, page 9*) - [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L\\_.2015.248.01.0009.01.ENG](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2015.248.01.0009.01.ENG)

After a preliminary examination (phase I decisions):

1. **decision that a measure does not constitute aid** - where the Commission, after a preliminary examination, finds that the notified measure does not constitute aid - **art. 4(2)**
2. **decision not to raise objections** - where the Commission, after a preliminary examination, finds that no doubts are raised as to the compatibility with the common market of a notified measure, in so far as it falls within the scope of Article 87(1) of the Treaty - **art. 4(3)**
3. **decision to initiate the formal investigation procedure** - where the Commission, after a preliminary examination, finds that doubts are raised as to the compatibility with the common market of a measure - **art. 4(4)**

After a formal investigation procedure (phase II decisions):

1. **decision that a measure does not constitute aid (after formal investigation procedure)** - where the Commission, after formal investigation procedure, finds that, where appropriate following modification by the Member State concerned, the notified measure does not constitute aid - **art. 9(2)**
2. **positive decision** - where the Commission, after formal investigation procedure, finds that, where appropriate following modification by the Member State concerned, the doubts as to the compatibility of the notified measure with the common market have been removed - **art. 9(3)**
3. **conditional decision** - where the Commission attached to a positive decision conditions subject to which an aid may be considered compatible with the common market or laid down monitoring obligations - **art. 9(4)**
4. **negative decision without recovery** - where the Commission finds that the aid is not compatible with the common market and shall not be put into effect - **art. 9(5)**
5. **negative decision with recovery** - where the Commission finds that the aid is not compatible with the common market and, as it was unlawful aid, the Commission decides that the Member State concerned shall take all necessary measures to recover the aid from the beneficiary - **art. 9(5) with art. 16(1)**
6. **decision to close formal investigation procedure following the withdrawal of notification** – **art. 12(2)**

As regards **existing aid**, the Commission may **propose "appropriate measures"** to the Member State concerned – **art. 22**

Where the Member State accepts these measures, the acceptance is recorded by the Commission and they become binding upon the Member State – **art. 23**

Where the Member State concerned does not accept the appropriate measures, the Commission may open the **formal investigation procedure** (see above) – **art. 4 (4)**.