State aid in the management of the ESIF during 2014-2020 programming period

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# Programme

## DAY 1

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<td>Welcome and Introduction from European Commission</td>
<td>Stefan Appel, Head of Unit, DG Regional and urban policy, European Commission</td>
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<td>09.10</td>
<td>Opening of the Seminar and Meeting the Participants: Introduction to the Objectives and Methodology of the Seminar</td>
<td>Marco Lopriore, Expert, EIPA, Maastricht</td>
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<td>Concept of State Aid: the principles</td>
<td>Jean Pierre Bove, Senior Trainer at Formation Conseil aux Entreprises (FCAE) and former DATAR officer</td>
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<td>ESI funds in compliance with state aid</td>
<td>Stephen Moore, Department of the Economy Northern Ireland, State aid unit</td>
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<td>De Minimis Aid (Regulation 1407/2013)</td>
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<td>General Block Exemption Regulation 651/2014 (GBER)</td>
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<td>• The common provisions: transparency, incentive effect, cumulation, etc.</td>
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10.30 Coffee Break

10.45 **Workshop on the GBER**  
*Stephen Moore and Jean Pierre Bove*  
- Regional aid, aid to SME & SME definition  
- Incentive effect and cumulation

12.30 Lunch

13.30 **Financing of infrastructures**  
*Jean Pierre Bove*

14.00 **Workshop on the GBER**  
*Jean Pierre Bove and Stephen Moore*

15.00 Coffee Break

15.15 **Q&A session with Commission Officials**  
*NN, DG Competition*

15.45 **Simplified Cost Options and state aid; exercise**  
*Marco Lopriore*

17.00 Close of Seminar