



## **State aid in the management of the ESIF**

### **Venue**

Online course

### **Organised**

For DG REGIO by EIPA

### **Date**

18-19 & 25-26 March 2021

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## Programme

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### 18 MARCH 2021

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Meeting ID: 977 3367 4578

Passcode: 592482

- 14.00      **Access of participants to Zoom online platform**
- 14.15      **Welcome and Introduction from European Commission DG REGIO**  
*Stefan Appel*, Head of Unit DG Regional and urban policy, European Commission
- 14.25      **Introduction to the Objectives and Methodology of the Seminar**  
*Marco Lopriore*, Expert, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
- 14.35      **Concept of State Aid: the principles**  
*Jean Pierre Bove*, Senior Trainer at Formation Conseil Aides aux Entreprises (FCAE) and former DATAR/CGET officer (Prime minister services)
- Article 107 of the TFEU
  - Sources of funding of aid and aid beneficiaries
  - Determining advantage and selectivity
  - Effect on trade and distortion of competition
  - Compatibility
- 15.45      Virtual coffee break
- 16.00      **Temporary Framework for State Aid**  
*Jean Pierre Bove*
- 17.00      **Virtual break out rooms on notion of state aid**  
*Jean Pierre Bove*
- 17.30      End first day

### 19 MARCH 2021

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Join Zoom Meeting:

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- 09.15      **Access of participants to online Zoom platform**
- 09.30      **Review and introduction**  
*Marco Lopriore*
- 09.35      **ESI funds in compliance with state aid**  
*Stephen Moore*, Department of the Economy Northern Ireland, State aid unit

- State aid provisions in ESI Funds regulations
- Amendment in ERDF for undertakings in difficulty
- State aid implications on management verification of ESIF expenditure
- Examples cumulating state aid with ESIF

10.30 Virtual Coffee break meeting room – tour de table

10.50 **De Minimis Aid (Regulation 1407/2013)**

*Stephen Moore*

- Scope of the regulation
- De minimis amount
- Single undertaking definition application
- Cumulation
- Monitoring

12.00 **Virtual break out rooms on De Minimis**

12.30 End of second Day

## 25 MARCH 2021

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14.00 **Access of participants to online platform**

14.15 **Review of previous day and introduction**

*Marco Lopriore*

14.20 **General Block Exemption Regulation 651/2014 (GBER)**

*Jean Pierre Bove*

- Scope of the regulation: excluded sectors and beneficiaries
- The common provisions: transparency, incentive effect, cumulation, etc.
- Covered aid categories: e.g. SME aid, regional aid and Annex I (SME definition)

15.15 **Break out rooms on the SME Definition**

15.45 Virtual coffee break

16.00 **Break out rooms for workshop on the GBER, investment aid to SME**

*Jean Pierre Bove*

17.00 **Q&A session with Commission Officials DG COMP**

*NN, DG Competition*

17.15 Close of the third day

## 26 MARCH 2021

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- 09.15      **Access of participants to online Zoom platform**
- 09.30      **Review of previous day and introduction**  
*Marco Lopriore*
- 09.35      **Regional Aid (and multiple choice)**  
*Stephen Moore*
- 10.30      Virtual coffee break
- 10.50      **Break out rooms for workshop on R&D&I case**  
*Stephen Moore*
- 12.30      **Simplified Cost Options and state aid: cases**  
*Marco Lopriore*
- 13.00      **Close of Seminar**