



Single Framework Service Contract for the Provision of and Support to Training (2023CE160AT004)

State aid in the management of the Structural and Cohesion Funds programmes and projects 2021-2027

Venue

Online

Organised

For DG REGIO by EIPA-CPVA

Date

26,27,28 and 29 February 2024

Online Programme

MONDAY 26 February 2024

- 13.45 **Access of participants to the Zoom online platform**
- 14.00 **Welcome and Introduction from European Commission DG REGIO**
Stefan Appel, Head of Unit DG Regional and urban policy, European Commission
- 14.10 **Introduction to the Objectives and Methodology of the Seminar**
Marco Lopriore, Expert, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
- 14.15 **Concept of State Aid: the principles**
Jean-Pierre Bove, Lawyer FCAE - Speaker of the TEAM EUROPE network –
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
- 15.30 Virtual coffee break
- 15.50 **Temporary Frameworks for State Aid: COVID 19 and Ukraine (2023, 2022)**
Jean-Pierre Bove
- 16.45 **Virtual break out rooms on notion of state aid**
Jean-Pierre Bove and Marco Lopriore
- 17.30 End of the day

TUESDAY 27 February 2024

- 14.00 **Access of participants to the Zoom online platform**
- 14.10 **Review of day 1**
Marco Lopriore
- 14.15 **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
- 15.30 Virtual Coffee break
- 15.50 **De Minimis Aid (Regulation 2023/2831)**
Stephen Moore
- Scope of the regulation
 - De minimis amount
 - Single undertaking definition application
 - Cumulation and Monitoring
 - **Discussion on the future Regulation**
- 17.00 **Virtual break out rooms on De Minimis**
Stephen Moore and Marco Lopriore

17.30 End of the day

WEDNESDAY 28 February 2024

14.00 **Access of participants to the Zoom online platform**

14.10 **Review of day 2**
Marco Lopriore

14.15 **The 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.
- 2023 Amendments (environmental protection, energy, IPCEI extension)
- Covered aid categories: e.g. SME aid, regional aid and Annex I (SME definition)

15.20 **Break out rooms on the SME Definition**
Jean-Pierre Bove and Marco Lopriore

15.40 Virtual coffee break

16.00 **Break out rooms for workshop on the GBER, investment aid to SME**
Jean-Pierre Bove and Marco Lopriore

17.00 **Q&A session with Commission Officials DG COMP**
Marie Laure Wyss, DG Competition, European Commission

17.30 End of the day

THURSDAY 29 February 2024

14.00 **Access of participants to the Zoom online platform**

14.10 **Review of day 3**
Marco Lopriore

14.15 **Regional Aid (and multiple choice)**
Stephen Moore

15.30 Virtual coffee break

15.50 **Break out rooms for workshop on R&D&I case**
Stephen Moore and Marco Lopriore

17.00 **Simplified Cost Options and state aid: cases**
Marco Lopriore

17.30 **End of the online course**