

Seminar

STATE AID FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Maastricht (NL), 11-12 February 2010

Seminar venue:

*European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA)
Onze Lieve Vrouweplein 22
62 11 HE Maastricht (NL)*

PROGRAMME

Thursday 11 February 2010

09.00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Prof. Phedon Nicolaidis, European Policies Unit, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
Ms Maria Kleis, Project Leader, European Policies Unit, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
Mr Martin Unfried, Co-Project Leader, European Policies Unit, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)

PART 1: BASIC PRINCIPLES

09.15 **Environmental Objectives and Instruments: The Broader Picture of Environmental Aid**
Mr Martin Unfried

10.00 **EC Rules on State Aid: The Meaning of Aid, Compatibility with the Common Market, Possible Exceptions and the “De Minimis” Rule**
Prof Phedon Nicolaides

11.15 Coffee break

11.30 **State Aid for Environmental Protection: The Guidelines, the GBER and First Experiences**
Mrs Jitka Dlouha, Case handler / Rapporteur, DG Competition, State Aid Unit, European Commission, Brussels (BE)

13.00 Lunch

PART 2: CALCULATING ELIGIBLE COSTS

14.30 **Cost Calculation**
Mr Melvin Könings, Senior Consultant, Lysias Consulting Group, Amersfoort (NL)

15.30 Coffee break

PART 3: WORKSHOP - CASE STUDIES (E.G. ELIGIBLE COSTS, IDENTIFYING BENEFICIARIES, ECO-TAXES, AND COMPARATOR/BENCHMARK)

16.00 **Discussion in Working Groups**

17.00 End of First Day

19.00 Dinner

Friday 12 February 2010

PART 3: WORKSHOP - CASE STUDIES (CONTINUED)

09.30 **Plenary Session: Presentation Outcome Working Groups**

10.30 Coffee Break

PART 4: FEED-IN TARIFFS: CONCEPT AND STATE AID ELEMENTS

11.00 **Promoting Renewable Energy through Feed-in Tariffs**

Mr Mario Ragwitz, Head of Unit "Renewable Energies", Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research, Karlsruhe, (DE)

12.00 **Overview of Commission Decisions on Feed-in Tariffs**

Ms Maria Kleis

12.45 Lunch

14.15 **National Experience: The Austrian Green Electricity Act**

Ms Sibylle Summer, Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth / Austrian State Aid Coordination Office, Vienna (AT)

PART 5: THE NEW CLIMATE ACTION LEGISLATION AND ECO TAXATION

15.15 **The Swedish Carbon Tax Solution**

Ms Susanne Akerfeldt and Mr Björn Strenger, Ministry of Finance, Stockholm, (SE)

16.00 **State Aid and Eco-Taxation**

Mr Bartek Gurba, Rapporteur, DG Competition, State Aid Unit, European Commission, Brussels (BE)

16.45 End of Seminar

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Programme

The programme will commence on Thursday 11 February at 09.00 hrs and finish on Friday 12 February at 16.45 hrs.

Seminar venue

The seminar will take place in the Bordeaux Room (1.16) at the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), O.L. Vrouweplein 22, NL-6211 HE Maastricht, tel.: +31.43.3296222, fax: +31.43.3296296.

Working language

The seminar will be conducted in English.

Fee

The participation fee for each seminar is **€95** and includes participation in the seminar, documentation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and refreshments. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

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The European Institute of Public Administration will be pleased to make reservations for you at the following hotel in Maastricht:

Hotel Beaumont**** (www.beaumont.nl) at a rate of **€99,62 p.p.p.n***. (incl. breakfast and tourist).

Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please indicate as well as the dates of arrival and departure on the registration form. Payment is to be made directly and personally to the hotel on checking out. Please note that if you register after the closing date, hotel reservations cannot be guaranteed.

Meals

The lunches will be served at the Institute's restaurant and dinner on Thursday evening will be served at a restaurant in town. Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser so that this can be arranged.

Registration

Kindly complete the registration form and return it **before 22 January 2010** to Ms Winny Curfs, Programme Organiser, European Institute of Public Administration, P.O. Box 1229, NL-6201 BE Maastricht, tel.: +31.43.3296.320, fax: +31.43.3296.296, e-mail: w.curfs@eipa-nl.com. You can also submit the online registration form which can be found on EIPA's web site: <http://www.eipa.nl> (*conferences*).

Confirmation

Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed registration form.

Payment

Prior payment is a condition for participation. Please indicate the method of payment on the registration form. For cancellations received after **22 January 2010** we will have to charge an administration fee of € 150 unless a replacement participant is found.

* Price for 2009. Price for 2010 not yet available

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Surname: Title:
First name: M / F
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PAYMENT – 1031206

*The participation fee includes participation in the seminar,
documentation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and beverages*

€795

Method of payment

Bank transfer

The participants or their administration will receive an invoice for the payment of the registration fee. *Invoice address (if different from the abovementioned address):*

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Credit card: Visa Card Eurocard/Mastercard American Express Card

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NOTE: Pre-payment is a condition for participation.

HOTEL RESERVATION

Please reserve hotel accommodation for me at: Hotel Beaumont

Date of arrival: *Date of departure:* *No. of nights:*

No hotel reservation required

MEALS INFORMATION REQUIRED

Lunch on 11 February: will attend will not attend *Vegetarian (fish) yes
Dinner on 11 February will attend will not attend *Vegetarian (no fish/no meat) yes
Lunch on 12 February: will attend will not attend *Other:.....

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