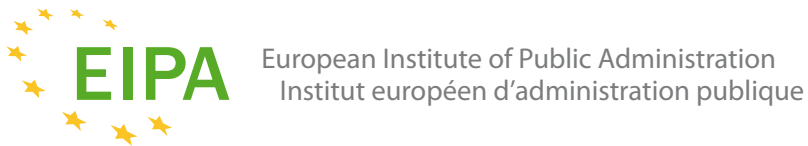


# State Aid in the Transport Sector

Maastricht (NL), 27-28 May 2010



## Introduction

The European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) would like to announce a new seminar on State Aid in Land Transport. The two-day seminar will be organised on 27 and 28 May 2010 in Maastricht, the Netherlands.

The seminar aims to give participants a comprehensive understanding of the concept of state aid in the transport sector. Its aim is to familiarize public officials with the Commission's approach to state aid cases in this sector and with the experiences in other Member States. It focuses on recent issues and goes into greater depth.

This 2-day seminar introduces the objectives of and developments in the transport sector and considers the application of basic principles of EC state aid law. This is followed by in-depth focus on specific state aid issues, e.g. the application of the *Altmark* ruling in land transport, the new Regulation 1370/2007 and the first experiences of its application, the new Guidelines on state aid to Railway undertakings, the concept of internal operator and the concept of public service compensation and how this is calculated, the relationship of state aid with infrastructure

financing and the issue of state aid financing of seaports. Further national experiences on transport funding will be presented.

The seminar would target officials from central ministries and/or other authorities dealing with transport issues and managers of public enterprises who may be involved in the formulation and implementation of transport state aid schemes. The seminar is also open to managers of private enterprises that may receive aid in this field.

EIPA, which is organising and hosting the Seminar, has extensive experience and a well-established track record in this kind of professional training activities. The Seminar forms part of the work and research of the Institute in the broader area of competition policy.

The working language of the workshop will be English.

Participants will receive a copy of the 2008 edition of our book *"State Aid Policy in the European Community: Principles and Practice"*, which is published in cooperation with Kluwer.

**Important notice:** In view of the strong demand for state aid seminars, EIPA operates a system of first-come-first-serve. The seminars tend to be fully booked well in advance of the registration deadline. Please submit your registration as soon as possible.

# Provisional Programme

## THURSDAY 27 MAY 2010

09.00 – 09.15

### Welcome & Introduction

*Dr Mihalis Kekelekis, Senior Lecturer, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)*

*Dr Phedon Nicolaides, Professor, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)*

### Session 1: The Principles

09.15 – 10.15

### The State Aid Regime: The Concept of Aid, Compatibility, Exceptions

*Phedon Nicolaides*

10.15 – 11.15

### An Overview of the Application of State Aid Rules in the Transport sector

*Mihalis Kekelekis*

11.15 – 11.45      Coffee Break

11.45 – 12.30

### The Commission's Practice as regards the Application of Altmark Ruling in Land Transport

*Mr Alejandro Martinez Godin, DG MOVE, European Commission (B)*

### Session 2: Financing of Public Services

12.30 – 14.00      Lunch

14.00 – 15.00

### The Regulation 1370/2007 on Public Passenger Transport Services by Rail and by Road: The first experiences

*Alejandro Martinez Godin*

15.00 – 16.00

### The Concept of Internal Operator under Regulation 1370/2007 and the Jurisprudence

*Mihalis Kekelekis*

16.00 – 16.30      Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.15

### Calculation of Public Service Compensation: Case study

*Mr Melvin Koenings, Associated advisor at Lysias Consulting Group, Amersfoort (NL)*

17.15      End of First Day

17.30      Reception

## FRIDAY 28 MAY 2010

### Session 3: Financing of Railways

09.15 – 10.15

### The New Guidelines on State Aid to Railway Undertakings

*Alejandro Martinez Godin*

### Session 4: Financing of Infrastructure

10.15 – 11.15

### The Relationship between State Aid and Infrastructure Financing

*Phedon Nicolaides*

11.15 – 11.45      Coffee Break

11.45 – 12.45

### Seaport Infrastructure and State Aid

*Mr Nikolaos Farandouris,*

*Associate Professor, University of Piraeus (GR)*

*Ms Sophie Heude, Legal Advisor European Law, Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management, The Hague (NL)*

12.45 – 14.00      Lunch

### Session 5: National Experiences with Transport Funding

14.00 – 16.00

**Poland:** *Ms Aleksandra Auleytner, Senior Associate, Domański Zakrzewski Palinka sp. k., Warsaw (PL)*

**Germany:** *Ms Melanie Oertel, KCW GmbH, Berlin (D)*

**The Netherlands:** *Sophie Heude*

16.00      End of Seminar

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# General Information

## Programme

The programme will commence on Thursday 27 May 2010 at 9.00 hrs and finish on Friday 28 May 2010 at 16.00 hrs.

## Seminar venue

The seminar will take place at the European Institute of Public Administration, 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 is € 815 and includes documentation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and refreshments.

EIPA offers its members a reduction of 10% of the registration fee. This reduction is available to all civil servants working for one of EIPA's member countries (i.e. AT, BE, CY, CZ, DK, EE, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LU, MT, NL, PL, PT, ES, SE, UK) as well as civil servants working for an EU institution or agency. If you are eligible for a discount, please tick the box in the registration form. Please note that reductions cannot be accumulated. For more information, please visit EIPA's website: <http://seminars.eipa.eu/en/pages/display/&tid=102>.

Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

## Hotel reservations

The European Institute of Public Administration will be pleased to make reservations for you at a hotel in Maastricht. We have made a block booking at:

**Hotel Beaumont\*\*\*\*** ([www.beaumont.nl](http://www.beaumont.nl)) at a rate of € 102 p.p.n. (incl. breakfast and tourist)

Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please indicate the name of the hotel and 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 as well as the reception on the first day will be served at the Institute's restaurant. 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 14 May 2010 to Ms Winny Curfs, Programme Organiser, European Institute of Public Administration, P.O. Box 1229, NL-6201 BE Maastricht, tel.: +31.43.3296320, fax: +31.43.3296296, e-mail: [w.curfs@eipa.eu](mailto:w.curfs@eipa.eu). You can also submit the online registration form which can be found on EIPA's web site: <http://seminars.eipa.eu/en/homeseminars>.

Please submit your registration as soon as possible. Since our State Aid seminars and workshops tend to be fully booked well in advance of the registration deadline, EIPA operates a system of first-come-first-serve.

## 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 the date indicated on the registration form we will have to charge an administration fee of € 150 unless a replacement participant is found.



# Registration Form

## State Aid in the Transport Sector Maastricht (NL), 27-28 May 2010

Surname: ..... Title: ..... M/F  
First name: .....  
Current position: .....  
Organisation: .....  
Department: .....  
Work address: .....  
Postal code & town: ..... Country: .....  
Tel. no: ..... Fax no: .....  
E-mail address: .....

### Payment / p:1031209

The participation fee includes participation in the seminar, documentation, a free copy of the book on State Aid Policy of the EU, meals/reception as indicated and beverages

**€ 815**

Discount (Please check first the conditions at [www.eipa.eu](http://www.eipa.eu) (FAQ – special discounts))

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### 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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E-mail: .....

### Credit card

American Express Card  Eurocard/Mastercard  Visa Card

Card no.: ..... Expiry date: ..... / .....

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(Exempt from VAT by virtue of Article 11, para. 1 (o), subpara. 2 of the Dutch Law on VAT of 1968)

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

Lunch on 27 May:  will attend  will not attend      Lunch on 28 May:  will attend  will not attend

Reception on 27 May:  will attend  will not attend

Vegetarian:  yes  no      Fish allowed:  yes  no      Other dietary requirements: .....

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