

Recent Developments on EU State Aid: Procedures, Enforcement, Monitoring and Transparency

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What is this course about?

The seminar examines in depth the interpretation and application of procedural rules in the field of State Aid and the new procedural Regulation No 2015/1589 of 13 July 2015 amending Regulation No 659/1999.

Recovery of aid, which constitutes a weak spot in the enforcement, third parties' rights and the application of state aid rules by national courts are some of the topics that will be analysed in detail. The seminar will also provide a forum for comparing national experiences as regards administrative arrangements for notifying and registering aid and the enforcement of recovery decisions.

Based on a practice oriented review of the procedures by which State Aid measures are notified to the European Commission, the seminar focuses on the consequences of non-notification and the implications for Member States which are instructed to recover State Aid that is incompatible with the internal market. Hence, the participants will be better equipped to avoid the risk of State Aid repayment, which often jeopardises important projects. In this context they will benefit greatly from exchanging experiences with experts from the EU institutions and other Member States.

Who will most benefit?

The seminar aims to meet the needs of managers and officials from all levels of government and local authorities, officials from public enterprises, representatives of business and trade associations, as well as lawyers and economists.

Programme

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2017

- 09.00 **Registration of participants**
- 09.30 **Welcome and mutual introduction**
Roberta Ribeiro Oertel, Lecturer, EIPA Luxembourg
- 09.45 **State aid procedures for notified and unlawful aid**
Mihalis Kekelekis, Senior Officer, Competition and State aid Directorate, EFTA Surveillance Authority
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.00 **Latest developments in procedural rules (the new procedural Regulation No 2015/1589 of 13 July 2015 amending Regulation No 659/99)**
Mihalis Kekelekis
- 12.15 Lunch
- 13.30 **State aid recovery: principles, procedures and national experiences (I)**
María Muñoz de Juan, Case Handler, DG Competition
- 14.45 Coffee break
- 15.00 **State aid recovery: principles, procedures and national experiences (cont'd)**
Sven Kaiser, Head of State Aid Policy Unit, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
- 16.15 **Admissibility issues in state aid procedures and litigation:**
- As a complainant before the European Commission
 - As a plaintiff before the EU Courts
- Philipp Werner, Partner, Jones Day*
- 17.30 **End of day one followed by a reception**

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017

- 09.00 **Impacts of recent case law of the EU Courts on State aid procedural issues**
Katarzyna Szychowska, Legal Secretary, Chambers of Judge K. Kowalik-Bańczyk, General Court of the European Union
- 10.15 Coffee break
- 10.30 **State aid actions before national courts**
Philipp Werner
- 11.30 **Monitoring of State aid schemes: how is it carried out?**
María Muñoz de Juan
- 12.15 **Transparency obligation of the Member States: how Member States should notify/report for transparency purposes?**
Natalie Lubenets, Manager, DG Competition
- 13.00 **End of the seminar**

General Information

Seminar venue

EIPA Luxembourg

European Centre for Judges and Lawyers

Building of the Chambre des Métiers,
Master Room (4th Floor)
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City Centre

- **Hotel Parc Plaza**, at the rate of €138
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Meals

Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser so that this can be arranged.

Participation

EIPA members' fee*: €900
Regular fee: €1000

The participation fee includes documentation, two lunches, one reception and refreshments. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

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Registration

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