

Guidelines on National Regional aid for 2007-2013

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(Text with EEA relevance)

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Communication of the Commission on the review of the State aid status and the aid ceiling of the statistical effect regions in the following National regional State aid maps for the period 1.1.2011-31.12.2013

N 745/06 — Belgium — (Published in OJ C 73, 30.3.2007, p. 15)

N 408/06 — Greece — (Published in OJ C 286, 23.11.2006, p. 5)

N 459/06 — Germany — (Published in OJ C 295, 5.12.2006, p. 6)

N 324/07 — Italy — (Published in OJ C 90, 11.4.2008, p. 4)

N 626/06 — Spain — (Published in OJ C 35, 17.2.2007, p. 4)

N 492/06 — Austria — (Published in OJ C 34, 16.2.2007, p. 5)

N 727/06 — Portugal — (Published in OJ C 68, 24.3.2007, p. 26)

N 673/06 — United Kingdom — (Published in OJ C 55, 10.3.2007, p. 2)

1. According to point 20 of the Guidelines on national Regional Aid for 2007-2013 (RAG) Statistical Effect Regions will benefit from a status as an assisted area pursuant to Article 107(3)(a) TFEU until the end of 2010. These regions will lose their status as an Article 107(3)(a) TFEU assisted area as from 1st January 2011, if an ex officio review to be carried out by the Commission in 2010 shows that their GDP/inhabitant over the most recent three years exceeds 75 % of the EU25 average. As already stipulated in the decisions on the regional State aid maps for 2007-2013, these regions changing status will benefit for the period 1.1.2011-31.12.2013 from eligibility to regional aid on the basis of Article 107(3)(c) TFEU.

2. The most recent statistical data available from Eurostat (Eurostat's News release 25/2010 of 18.2.2010) on GDP in PPS per capita, calculated as a three year average (2005-2007) (EU25 = 100) for the individual statistical effect regions recognised by the RAG are the following: Hainaut (74,0); Brandenburg-Südwest (84,1); Lüneburg (80,6); Leipzig (84,9); Sachsen-Anhalt (Halle) (79,5); Kentriki Makedonia (71,0); Dytiki Makedonia (73,8); Attiki (121,3); Principados de Asturias (90,5); Región de Murcia (83,6); Ciudad Autónoma de Ceuta (91,4); Ciudad Autónoma de Melilla (89,8); Basilicata (64,9); Burgenland (79,4); Algarve (77,7); Highlands and Islands (85,0).

3. According to these data, Hainaut, Kentriki Makedonia, Dytiki Makedonia and Basilicata maintain their status as an Article 107(3)(a) TFEU assisted area with an aid intensity of 30 % as their GDP/inhabitant over the most recent three years (2005-2007) is below 75 % of the EU25 average. All the other Statistical Effect Regions benefit for the period 1.1.2011-31.12.2013 from eligibility to regional aid on the basis of Article 107(3)(c) TFEU, with an aid intensity as indicated in the table below as their GDP/inhabitant over the most recent three years (2005-2007) exceeds 75 % of the EU25 average.

NUTS II	Name	Ceiling for regional investment aid ⁽¹⁾ (applicable to large enterprises)	
Statistical Effect Regions			
1. Regions which remain eligible for aid under Article 107(3)(a) TFEU until 31.12.2013			
		1.1.2007-31.12.2010	1.1.2011-31.12.2013
BE32	Hainaut	30 %	30 %
GR12	Kentriki Makedonia	30 %	30 %

NUTS II	Name	Ceiling for regional investment aid ⁽¹⁾ (applicable to large enterprises)	
GR13	Dytiki Makedonia	30 %	30 %
ITF5	Basilicata	30 %	30 %
2. Regions which become eligible for aid under Article 107(3)(c) TFEU as from 1.1.2011 until 31.12.2013			
DE42	Brandenburg-Südwest	30 %	20 %
DED3	Leipzig	30 %	20 %
DEE2	Halle	30 %	20 %
DE93	Lüneburg		
DE934	LK Lüchow-Dannenberg	30 %	20 %
DE93A	LK Uelzen	30 %	20 %
DE931	LK Celle	15 %	15 %
DE932	LK Cuxhaven	15 %	15 %
DE935	LK Lüneburg	15 %	15 %
GR30	Attiki	30 %	20 %
ES12	Principado de Asturias	30 %	20 %
ES62	Región de Murcia	30 %	20 %
ES63	C. Autónoma de Ceuta	30 %	20 %
ES64	C. Autónoma de Melilla	30 %	20 %
AT11	Burgenland	30 %	20 %
PT15	Algarve	30 %	20 %
UKM4	Highlands and Islands	30 %	20 %

⁽¹⁾ For investment projects with eligible expenditure not exceeding EUR 50 million, this ceiling is increased by 10 percentage points for medium-sized companies and 20 percentage points for small companies as defined in the Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36). For large investment projects with eligible expenditure exceeding EUR 50 million, this ceiling is subject to adjustment in accordance with paragraph 67 of the Guidelines on national regional aid for 2007-2013.