Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 of 12 January 2001 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises

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(Text with EEA relevance)

Aid No	XS 16/03
Member State	Greece
Region	All regions (13) entire country
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid	State aid scheme to small and medium-sized enterprises in the regional operational programmes for the csf 2000-2006 'Improve the competitiveness–innovation to small and medium-sized enterprises in manufacturing'
Legal basis	Άρθρο 35 του Νόμου 3016/2002, (ΦΕΚ 110Α', 17.5.2002)
Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company	The scheme is to be organized in rounds, one beginning in Febryary 2003 and the others later during the lifetime of the Regional Operational Programmmes (2000-2006). Public expenditure is estimated at EUR 200 000 000.
Maximum aid intensity	State aid scheme to sme's for the regional operational programmes 2000-2006 (maximum aid intensities are in conformity with the approved 'regional aid map' and 'the SME Regulation 70/2001' and expressed in NGE, the above ceiling of regional investment aid will not be exceeded by more than 15 % as all areas are covered by Article 87(3)(a) and according to Article 4(3)(b) of 'SME Regulation (EC) No 70/2001' Maximum aid Intensities Region of Attiki, Prefecture of Thessalonica: 35 % Region of Central Macedonia (with the exception of the Pref. Of Thessalonica), Region of Thessalia, Region of Dytiki Ellada, Region of Sterea Ellada, Island of Kriti: 40 % Region of South Aegean, Region of North Aegean, ISLANDS of all Regions with the exception of Kriti Island, Region of Peloponnisos, Region of Ipeiros, Region of Dytiki Macedonia, Region of Anatoliki Makedonia Thraki and province of Trizoinia in theRegion of Attiki: 45 % Notes: 1: To the islands of all regions maximum aid ceiling is amounted to 45 % 2. This schema applies to SME's in the Regional Operational Programs for the CSF 2000-2006 in manufacturing, only for investments relating to: — the setting up of a new investment, the extension of an establishment, modernization (no setting up is provided in the Region of Attiki with the exception of islands and the province of Trizoinia and in the Prefecture of Thessalonica) — modernization of administrative procedures — relocating for environmental reasons — environmental protection & energy saving — development of innovation — quality assurance — application of R&D in the production — information technology products development
Date of implementation	Aid may be granted under the scheme from February 2003.

Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Indicate the date (year and month) until which aid may be granted under the scheme: 31 December 2006, under the provision of any extension of the period for granting eligible expenses by the EU .
Objective of aid	The aim is to provide state aid scheme to small and very small manufacturing enterprises SME's, as defined in the Commission Recommendation of 3 April 1996, in the Regional Operational Programs of the CSF 2000-2006, through support for good quality projects, which provide sustainable new investments as well as safeguarding retaining jobs and or creating sustainable new jobs.
Economic sector(s) concerned	Choose from the list, where relevant Manufacturing, with exception of: — The production, processing and marketing of agricultural products listed in Annex I EC — Fisheries and Aquaculture — Steel sector as defined in Annex b of the Multisectoral Frame, E (2002), 315 — Shipbuilding industry, Regulation (EC) No 1540/98 of 29.6.1998.
Name and address of the granting authority	Ministry of Economy and Finance and Regional Authorities (13) Nikis Str. 5-7, Athens EL-101 80
Other information	The amount of the aid per investment is estimated that will not exceed EUR 200 000 and on average it is estimated that it will not exceed EUR 100 000 per investment.

Aid No	XS 124/04
Member State	Italy
Region	Lombardy
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	Grants to transport firms in Brescia for the purchase of hardware and/or software for administrative management — 2004/05
Legal basis	Art. 12 L. 7 agosto 1990, n. 241 Deliberazioni camerali n. 236 del 18.11.2003 e 160 del 28.2.2004 — Determinazione dirigenziale n. 102/AV del 18.10.2004
Annual expenditure planned	EUR 49 000
Maximum aid intensity	— maximum eligible expenditure: EUR 4 000 — grant: 15 % of expenditure with a maximum of EUR 600 per business
Date of implementation	20.10.2004
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 19.10.2005
Objective of aid	To promote computerisation in the area of administrative management in firms in Brescia.
Economic sectors concerned	Transport
Name and address of the granting authority	Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Craft and Agriculture of Brescia Via Orzinuovi N. 3 IT-25125 Brescia Tel. 0303514335 E-mail: buriani@bs.camcom.it

Aid No	XS 138/04
Member State	Italy
Region	Lombardy
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	Aid to firms in the transport sector in Brescia to set up 'Vision 2000' (2004/2005) business quality systems.
Legal basis	Art. 12 L. 7 agosto 1990, n. 241 Deliberazioni camerali n. 236 del 18.11.2003 e 160 del 28.2.2004 — Determinazione dirigenziale n. 102/AV del 18.10.2004
Annual expenditure planned	EUR 30 000
Maximum aid intensity	— minimum eligible expenditure: EUR 4 000,00 — grant: 50 % of expenditure with a maximum of EUR 2 000 per business
Date of implementation	20.10.2004
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 19.10.2005
Objective of aid	To promote the setting-up of business quality systems in firms in Brescia based on the 'Vision 2000' standards for product and process certification.
Economic sectors concerned	Transport
Name and address of the granting authority	Camera di commercio Industria Artigianato e Agricoltura di Brescia Via Orzinuovi N. 3 IT-25125 Brescia Tel. 0303514335 E-mail: buriani@bs.camcom.it

Aid No	XS 139/04
Member State	Italy
Region	Lombardy
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	Grants to haulage businesses in Brescia for the installation of security systems and satellite monitoring — 2004/05
Legal basis	Art. 12 L. 7 agosto 1990, n. 241 Deliberazioni camerali n. 236 del 18.11.2003 e 160 del 28.2.2004 — Determinazione dirigenziale n. 102/AV del 18.10.2004
Annual expenditure planned	EUR 50 000

Maximum aid intensity	Purchase of central server and necessary software: — minimum eligible expenditure: EUR 3 000 — grant: 15 % of expenditure with a maximum of EUR 1 500 per business Purchase of peripheral equipment: — minimum eligible expenditure: EUR 1 500 — grant: 15 % of expenditure with a maximum of EUR 300 per item of equipment and a maximum of 15 items per business Cost of external consultancy for satellite navigation system: — minimum eligible expenditure: EUR 250 — grant: 50 % of expenditure with a maximum of EUR 2 000 per business
Date of implementation	20.10.2004
Duration of scheme	Until 19.10.2005
Objective of aid	To promote the installation of security systems and satellite monitoring in businesses in Brescia
Economic sectors concerned	Transport
Name and address of the granting authority	Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Craft and Agriculture of Brescia Via Orzinuovi N. 3 IT-25125 Brescia Tel. 0303514335 E-mail: buriani@bs.camcom.it

Aid No	XS 140/04
Member State	Italy
Region	Lazio
Title	Submeasure IV.1. 6 — Guarantee Fund SPD Objective 2 2000-2006 Lazio
Legal basis	DOCUP Obiettivo 2 2000-2006 Lazio e Complemento di Programmazione Obiettivo 2 Lazio Misura IV.1 — Aiuti alle PMI Sottomisura IV.1.6 — Fondo di Garanzia
Annual expenditure planned	EUR 1 098 937 (maximum)
Maximum aid intensity	The Fund gives a primary guarantee of up to 50 % of the medium-term funding (capital plus interest) granted by credit institutions under contract in order to carry out an investment programme.
Date of implementation	The aid may be granted after publication of the public notice in the Lazio Region Official Gazette (*Bollettino Ufficiale della Regione Lazio*, BURL).
Duration of scheme	31.12.2006
Objective of aid	To provide guarantees, through a specific Fund, for medium-term funding in order to give Objective 2 SMEs in Lazio carrying out investment programmes better access to the guarantee system.
Economic sectors concerned	All sectors
Name and address of the granting authority	Unionfidi Lazio SpA Via Bellini, 22 IT-00198 Rome

Aid No	XS 142/04
Member State	Italy
Region	Lazio
Title of aid scheme	Art. 8 of Law 266/97 — Automatic aid measures for the region to support investment in SMEs operating in the mining and quarrying, manufacturing, services and production and distribution of electricity sectors.
Legal basis	Art. 1 della legge 8 agosto 1995, n. 341 e art. 8, commi 1 e 2, della legge 7 agosto 1997, n. 266. Regolamenti attuativi: delibera CIPE 18.12.1997; circolari n. 900355 del 16.10.1998 e n. 900027 del 20.1.1999; delibera per l'estensione della norma ai settori della produzione e distribuzione di energia e delle costruzioni.
Annual expenditure planned	EUR 5 million
Maximum aid intensity	Up to the ceilings laid down by Community law
Date of implementation	1.1.2005. The aid may be granted after publication of the public notice in the Lazio Region Official Gazette (*Bollettino Ufficiale della Regione* Lazio, BURL).
Duration of scheme	31.12.2006
Objective of aid	Regional development. The aid provides assistance for firms investing in the acquisition of new machinery and plant, building work, plans and studies and the acquisition of patents and licences aimed at setting up new plants, expanding existing plants and launching an activity involving a change in the product or production process in an existing plant.
Economic sectors concerned	Quarrying and mining, manufacturing, services and production and distribution of electricity — The aid in question, which is consistent with aid to SMEs (according to the Community definition of small and medium-sized enterprises), is applicable to the region as a whole, the aid ceilings being defined in the Community rules applicable to SMEs in Objective 2 areas under Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 and in the phasing-out areas.
Name and address of granting authority	Regione Lazio — Direzione Regionale Attività Produttive Via Cristoforo Colombo, 212 tel. (06) 51683775 — fax (06) 51683763
Other information	The aid is granted in the form of a tax credit. In order to benefit from the investment aid provided for by the scheme, beneficiaries must satisfy the following requirements: — the investment projects must be technically, financially and economically viable; firms in difficulty are not eligible; replacement investments are not covered by the scheme; aid to initial investment is granted provided the investment covers a minimum period of five years; projects must be financed through an injection of own resources, net of any aid, equivalent to at least 25 % of the amount of the productive investment to be aided. Aid where the eligible expenditure exceeds EUR 25 million or where the actual aid exceeds EUR 12 million must be specifically notified to the Commission under Article 88(3) of the Treaty. The rules on the operation of this scheme provide that applications for aid (or more specifically applications to earmark funding) should be submitted by the firms within six months of issuing the purchase order or signature of the contracts for the investments concerned. Payment of the aid is dependent on the investments actually being made, the admissible costs corresponding to the total value of the costs invoiced. The aid cannot be combined with other aid schemes.