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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(2010/C 33/01)

Date of adoption of the decision	19.11.2009
Reference number of State Aid	N 171/09
Member State	Italy
Region	Sardegna
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Ristrutturazione dell'impresa Sorgente
Legal basis	 Legge regionale n. 2 del 29 maggio 2007 — Disposizioni per la formazione del bilancio annuale e pluriennale della Regione (legge finanziaria 2007) Legge regionale n. 4 del 19 gennaio 1998 — Interventi a favore delle aziende agricole in difficoltà Decreto assessoriale n. 3153 del 17 dicembre 2008 — Interventi a favore dell'azienda Sorgente Società cooperativa agricola con sede a Serrenti (MD)
Type of measure	Individual aid
Objective	Restructuring a firm in difficulty
Form of aid	Direct grant
Budget	EUR 300 000
Intensity	_
Duration (period)	After the approval of the aid by the Commission
Economic sectors	Agriculture (fruits and vegetables)
Name and address of the granting authority	Assessorato dell'agricoltura e riforma agro-pastorale Via Pessagno 4 09126 Cagliari CA ITALIA
Other information	_

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/state_aids/state_aids_texts_en.htm

Date of adoption of the decision	19.11.2009
Reference number of State Aid	N 446/09
Member State	Spain
Region	Galicia
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Ayuda estatal para la recuperación de las zonas forestales por los daños causados por el temporal acaecido en Galicia los días 23 y 24 de enero de 2009.
Legal basis	Decreto 13/2009, de 29 de enero de 2009, de medidas urgentes para la reparación de los daños causados por el temporal acaecido en Galicia a partir del 23 de enero. Orden de 7 de abril de 2009 de la Consejería del Medio Rural por la que se desarrollan las medidas urgentes previstas en el Decreto 13/2009, de 29 de enero, para la recuperación de las zonas forestales por los daños causados por el temporal acaecido en Galicia a partir del 23 de enero.
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	The notification relates to an aid scheme to repair the damage caused to forest areas by the storm in Galicia on 23 and 24 January 2009, by cutting down and removing damaged trees located by paths and clearings
Form of aid	Financing of work for the installation of new holdings, the acquisition of equipment and auxiliary machinery and the incorporation of new technologies
Budget	Total amount: EUR 2 046 000
Intensity	Maximum 100 % of eligible costs
Duration (period)	Up to 16 January 2010
Economic sectors	Agriculture
Name and address of the granting authority	Conserjería del Medio rural del Gobierno de Galicia C/ San Caetano, s/n 15781 Santiago de Compostela (La Coruña) ESPAÑA
Other information	_

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at:

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Date of adoption of the decision	14.10.2009
Reference number of State Aid	N 484/09
Member State	Germany
Region	Bavaria
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Beihilfe für Strukturmaßnahmen in Wäldern
Legal basis	Richtlinie für Zuwendungen zu waldbaulichen Maßnahmen im Rahmen eines forstlichen Förderprogramms (WALDFÖPF 2007)

Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Aid to forestry sector
Form of aid	Direct grants
Budget	Total budget of EUR 2 million
Intensity	_
Duration (period)	1.1.2010-31.12.2013
Economic sectors	Forestry
Name and address of the granting authority	Administrative offices for food, agriculture and forestry in Bavaria
Other information	_

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/state_aids/state_aids_texts_en.htm

23.11.2009
N 597/09
Germany
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Bundesregelung landwirtschaftliche Kleinbeihilfen
Regelung zur vorübergehenden Gewährung geringfügiger Beihilfen an andwirtschaftliche Unternehmen zur Erleichterung des Zugangs zu Finanzierungsmitteln während der Finanz- und Wirtschaftskrise (Bundes-regelung landwirtschaftliche Kleinbeihilfen).
Aid scheme
Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy
Transparent forms of aid
Total budget of EUR 100 million
_
31.12.2010
Agriculture
Bund und Länder
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Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 107 and 108 TFEU Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2010/C 33/02)

13.1.2010
NN 33/09
Belgium
Wallonie, Bruxelles-Capitale
Régime d'aides en faveur de la production d'œuvres audiovisuelles
Règlement de la SA Wallimage approuvé le 27 avril 2009
Aid scheme
Culture
Other forms of equity intervention, Soft loan
Annual budget: EUR 5,5 million Overall budget: EUR 38,5 million
50 %
1.6.2009-31.12.2015
Recreational, cultural sporting activities
Wallimage
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The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/state_aids/state_aids_texts_en.htm

17.12.2009
N 628/09
Denmark
_
Prolongation of the recapitalisation scheme
Act No 67 of 3 February 2009 on State-funded Capital Injections
Aid scheme
Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy
Other forms of equity intervention
Overall budget: DKK 100 000 million

Intensity	_
Duration (period)	21.12.2009-31.12.2009
Economic sectors	Financial intermediation
Name and address of the granting authority	Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs Slotsholmsgade 10-12 1216 København K DANMARK
Other information	_

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/state_aids/state_aids_texts_en.htm

Date of adoption of the decision 21.12.2009 Reference number of State Aid N 659/09 Member State Lithuania Region Title (and/or name of the beneficiary) Short-term export credit insurance scheme in Lithuania Legal basis Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Special State Guarantees for Export Credit Insurance; Regulations for Granting Special State Guarantees for Export Credit Insurance; Specification of Non-marketable and Temporarily Non-marketable and Temporarily Non-marketable Risks (Official Gazette, 2009, No 121-5232) Type of measure Aid scheme Objective Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy Form of aid Transactions not on market terms Overall budget: LTL 100 million Budget Intensity Duration (period) 1.1.2010-31.12.2010 Economic sectors All sectors Name and address of the granting authority Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Lithuania Gedimino av. 38/2 LT-01104 Vilnius LIETUVA/LITHUANIA Other information

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/state_aids/state_aids_texts_en.htm

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates (1) 9 February 2010

(2010/C 33/03)

1 euro =

	Currency	Exchange rate		Currency	Exchange rate
USD	US dollar	1,3760	AUD	Australian dollar	1,5729
JPY	Japanese yen	123,40	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,4680
DKK	Danish krone	7,4448	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	10,6906
GBP	Pound sterling	0,88040	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,9877
SEK	Swedish krona	10,1217	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,9511
CHF	Swiss franc	1,4672	KRW	South Korean won	1 601,45
ISK	Iceland króna		ZAR	South African rand	10,5992
NOK	Norwegian krone	8,1520	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	9,3935
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,3225
CZK	Czech koruna	26,099	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	12 878,09
EEK	Estonian kroon	15,6466	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,7235
HUF	Hungarian forint	272,00	PHP	Philippine peso	63,836
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	RUB	Russian rouble	41,7640
LVL	Latvian lats	0,7092	THB	Thai baht	45,649
PLN	Polish zloty	4,0775	BRL	Brazilian real	2,5549
RON	Romanian leu	4,1280	MXN	Mexican peso	18,0645
TRY	Turkish lira	2,0800	INR	Indian rupee	64,1970

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

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(Announcements)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

'Preparatory Action MEDIA International' — Call for Proposals 2010

(2010/C 33/04)

1. Objectives and Description

The Preparatory Action MEDIA International is intended to examine and test cooperation activities between European film professionals and professionals of third countries. It covers:

- support for training
- support for accessing the markets.

Under the work programme for the Preparatory Action MEDIA International for 2010, the Commission hereby invites consortia to submit proposals.

2. Eligible candidates

The call is open to proposals from legal entities in the 27 EU Member States and any third country.

3. Budget for projects

The maximum amount available under this call for proposals is EUR 1 million.

The financial support from the Commission cannot exceed 50 %, 75 % or 80 % of the total eligible costs, depending on the nature of the activity.

The financial contribution will be awarded in the form of a grant.

4. Evaluation and selection

Proposals received will be evaluated by the Commission with the assistance of independent experts. The criteria used in the evaluation are defined in the MEDIA International work programme. Proposals that are successful in the evaluation process will be ranked in terms of quality.

The process for the evaluation of applications for grants awarded by the Commission is set out in the Financial Regulation applicable to the General Budget of the European Union (1).

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1).

5. Deadline for submission of applications

Applications must be sent at the latest by 31 March 2010 to:

Ms Aviva Silver
European Commission
Directorate-General for the Information Society and Media
Directorate A — Audiovisual, Media and Internet
Unit A2 — MEDIA programme and media literacy
Office BU33 02/005
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

6. Full details

The full text of the call for proposals, together with the work programme, guidelines and application forms, can be found at the following Internet address:

http://ec.europa.eu/media

Applications must comply with all the terms of the call for proposals and be submitted on the form provided.

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Communication from the Minister for Economic Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands pursuant to Article 3(2) of Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 1994 on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons

(2010/C 33/05)

The Minister for Economic Affairs hereby gives notice that an application has been received for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in block segment M4 as indicated on the map appended as Annex 3 to the Mining Regulation (Mijnbouwregeling) (Government Gazette (Staatscourant) 2002, No 245).

With reference to the Directive mentioned in the introduction and Article 15 of the Mining Act (Mijnbouwwet) (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees (Staatsblad) 2002, No 542), the Minister for Economic Affairs hereby invites interested parties to submit a competing application for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in block segment M4 of the Dutch continental shelf.

The Minister for Economic Affairs is the competent authority for the granting of authorisations. The criteria, conditions and requirements referred to in Articles 5(1), 5(2) and 6(2) of the above-mentioned Directive are set out in the Mining Act (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 2002, No 542).

Applications may be submitted during the 13 weeks following the publication of this notice in the Official Journal of the European Union and should be sent to:

De minister van Economische Zaken Drs. J.C. De Groot, directeur Energiemarkt ALP A/562 Postbus 20101 2500 EC Den Haag NEDERLAND

Applications received after the expiry of this period will not be considered.

A decision on the applications will be taken not later than 12 months after this period has expired.

Further information can be obtained by calling Mr P.C. de Regt on the following telephone number: +31 703797088.

OTHER ACTS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Publication of an application pursuant to Article 6(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs

(2010/C 33/06)

This publication confers the right to object to the application pursuant to Article 7 of Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 (1). Statements of objection must reach the Commission within six months of the date of this publication.

SINGLE DOCUMENT

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 510/2006 'PATATA DELLA SILA' EC No: IT-PGI-0005-0643-21.09.2007

PGI (X) PDO ()

1. **Name:**

'Patata della Sila'

2. Member State or third country:

Italy

- 3. Description of the agricultural product or foodstuff:
- 3.1. Type of product:

Class 1.6: Fruit, vegetables and cereals, fresh or processed.

3.2. Description of the product to which the name in (1) applies:

The name 'Patata della Sila' designates the conservation potato of the Solanum tuberosum species in the Solanaceae family obtained from the varieties catalogued in the national registers of varieties of the Member States of the EU and from certified seed potatoes, which must have the following characteristics for consumption: Form: round — round/oval — long/oval. Size: 28 mm or less (granaglia), between 28 and 45 mm (mezzanella or tondello), between 46 and 75 mm (prima), 76 mm or more (fiorone). Peel: resistant to friction. Flesh: compact, firm when pressed. Dry matter: minimum content 19 %. When released for consumption the potatoes must be healthy, without sprouts, whole, clean, with no blemishes over 3 mm deep or pest damage. There may be cuts and/or scratches and/or abrasions on a quantity of potatoes weighing less than 5 % of the total. Residue limits for active ingredients (%): less than 50 % of the limits provided for in current legislation.

The 'Patata della Sila' is well-known for its organoleptic qualities and its culinary properties, in particular associated with frying and long-term conservation, without the need for chemical antisprouting treatments.

- 3.3. Raw materials (for processed products only):
- 3.4. Feed (for products of animal origin only):
- 3.5. Specific steps in production that must take place in the defined geographical area:

The 'Patata della Sila' must be grown in the territory set out in point 4. After preparation of the soil, cultivation begins with the bedding of certified seed potatoes, Class A or above, from cultivars registered in the national registers of varieties of the Member States of the EU. A year of 'replacement' is permitted, that is, the seeding of seed potatoes reproduced for a year in the territory set out in point 4. Harvesting takes place from 20 August until 30 November, a period with cool temperatures which generally do not exceed 15-18 °C.

3.6. Specific rules concerning slicing, grating, packaging, etc.:

To be released for consumption, the 'Patata della Sila' must be packaged in one of the following types of packaging: Vertbags; Girsacs and bags of: 1 kg to 5 kg; net bag of: 1 kg to 2,5 kg; bag of: 2,5 kg to 10 kg; box of: 5 kg to 20 kg; wooden boxes of: 12,5 kg to 20 kg; basket of: 10 kg to 20 kg; pallet of: 0,5 kg to 1 kg; tray of: 0,5 kg to 1 kg. All the packaging must be made from material suitable for foodstuffs and sealed so as to prevent the product from being removed without breaking the packaging. The product may not be sold loose, except in cases of individual potatoes which are marked with the logo.

3.7. Specific rules concerning labelling:

The rules for the presentation of the product for release for consumption state that, in addition to the logo, the Community graphic symbol and related references and the information required by law, the label must show, in clear and legible characters, the following indication: 'Patata della Sila' with any additional translation, followed by 'Indicazione Geografica Protetta' in full or the abbreviation 'IGP'. For products obtained in areas geographically classified as mountain areas, the labels may contain the words 'prodotto della montagna'. The colour of the logo is currently blue but the logo may be printed in other colours. The logo for the labelling of the potato by stamps or laser marking may be reduced to 2,5 cm at the base, subject to the proportions of the logo set out below. Individual potatoes may be labelled with the logo only if they are 46 mm or more. It is prohibited to add any marking not expressly provided for.

'Patata della Sila' logo:



4. Concise definition of the geographical area:

The production area of the 'Patata della Sila' is made up exclusively of the following municipalities: Acri, Aprigliano, Bocchigliero, Celico, Colosimi, Longobucco, Parenti, Pedace, Rogliano, San Giovanni in Fiore, Serra Pedace, Spezzano della Sila, and Spezzano Piccolo in the Province of Cosenza, and the municipalities of Albi, Carlopoli, Cicala, Confluenti, Decollatura, Magisano, Martirano, Martirano Lombardo, Motta S. Lucia, Serrastretta, Sorbo San Basile, Soveria Mannelli, and Taverna in the Province of Catanzaro. Those municipalities naturally delimit and enclose the Altopiano della Sila, where the type of soil and climactic characteristics facilitate uniform and slow growth of the potatoes and optimal ripening of the plant.

5. Link with the geographical area:

5.1. Specificity of the geographical area:

The soil and climate of the area in which the 'Patata della Sila' is grown is very important. From the point of view of particle size, the Sila soil is largely loose and tends to be sandy and fine-grained and therefore very permeable and easily machinable; it has a pH of between 5 and 6,5; with a large amount of organic substances, and therefore of natural fertiliser, which in some areas is as much as 10,04 %. The climate in the Altopiano della Sila is extremely dry in summer and cold in winter. Recorded temperatures increase in the period between April and May which is therefore ideal for sowing. The growth of the plants is further favoured by the daily range of temperatures and the extended radiation which makes it possible to obtain uniform and slow growth which is favourable for the accumulation of dry matter, and a final ripening of the plant in keeping with the production of a product suitable for long conservation without the need for chemical anti-sprouting treatments. That important property is present from the time of harvesting, which takes place in cool temperatures generally not exceeding 15 to 18 °C. The area is entirely cut off from sources of air and/or water pollution. Utilisation of the Sila soil is extremely restricted; in fact the potato is the only fruit or vegetable product grown on the high plains. The area is irrigated by spring water and treatments are kept to a minimum since parasites are extremely rare, confined and therefore easy to control, owing to the very marked summer temperature range between day and night, the harsh winter and the snow which cleans the environment of countless agents which are harmful to the crop.

5.2. Specificity of the product:

The Sila potato is characterised by and valued for the fact that it keeps for a long time and its excellent culinary qualities; in particular, its great suitability for frying appears to be linked to the high values for dry matter found after cooking in oil, which mean that the flesh of the potato retains its white-yellow colour for longer. Regarding that aspect, an analysis has been carried out comparing the product to samples from other production areas. The results showed that, after cooking, the potato grown on the Altopiano Silano has much higher levels of dry matter and therefore is better suited to frying, and the pulp has a more intense yellowish colour, a more marked typical potato flavour and a thicker peel which is more resistant to mechanical processing than potatoes from other sources.

5.3. Causal link between the geographical area and the quality or characteristics of the product (for PDO) or a specific quality, the reputation or other characteristic of the product (for PGI):

The 'Patata della Sila' is regarded as a product of quality by the inhabitants of the area around the high plains of Sila (Cosenza, Crotone, Catanzaro, Piana di Siburi) who traditionally lay in supplies directly from the production holdings. This product is particularly well known in the markets of Sicily, Apulia and Campania which, in the harvest periods, have maintained stable commercial ties since the 1950s. Its conservation qualities and retention of organoleptic properties mean that the 'Patata della Sila' has always been widely used for winter supplies in the areas stated above. The cultivation of the potato therefore represents an important source of income for the high plains and over the years the farming families of Sila have continued to hand down the tradition of growing the product. The Sila Centre for the increase and selection of potatoes from certified seed was set up in 1955 in order to promote the distribution of the certified seed. Some studies also attest to the fact that, at the end of the 1980s, the Altopiano della Sila was one of the best production areas for seed potatoes, recording by far the best average size of all establishments. In addition, the climatic conditions which provide a dry climate in summer and a cold climate in winter and have always enabled the product to be stored naturally

at temperatures of between 6 and 8 °C from October to April, together with the absence of sources of pollution in the cultivation area, have led to the awareness on the part of consumers of a genuine, wholesome and quality product. The reputation of the 'Patata della Sila' is also shown by the huge success of events and festivals based on it, which attract legions of tourists, primarily from the abovementioned areas, who visit the high plains each autumn to taste the delicious potato and learn about the various typical recipes of the traditional local gastronomy. In that regard it is worth mentioning the 'Sagra della Patata della Sila' ('Patata della Sila' festival) held in October since 1978 in Campigliatello Silano, together with the 'Mostra Mercato dela Patata della Sila e delle machine agricole' ('Patata della Sila' market and agricultural machinery show). Furthermore, since 1980 in Parenti there has been a big folk and culinary event for the 'Patata della Sila'. The cultivation of the 'Patata della Sila' therefore has a long history, with records beginning in the Annals of the Reign of Naples of 1811.

Reference to publication of the specification:

The full text of the product specification is available at the following website:

http://www.politicheagricole.it/DocumentiPubblicazioni/Search_Documenti_Eknco.htm?txtTipoDocumento=Disciplinare%20in%20esame%20UE&txtDocArgomento=Prodotti%20di%20Qualit%E0>Prodotti%20Dop,% 20Igp%20e%20Stg

or

by going directly to the home page of the Ministry (http://www.politicheagricole.it) and clicking on 'Prodotti di Qualità' (on the left of the screen) and then on 'Disciplinari di Produzione all'esame dell'UE [regolamento (CE) $n.\ 510/2006$]'.

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to the call for proposals — ENT/CIP/09/E/N08S03 — European Network of Female Entrepreneurship Ambassadors

(Official Journal of the European Union C 311 of 19 December 2009)

(2010/C 33/07)

On page 22, point 2 'Eligible applicants', (d) second paragraph:

for: 'the following EU Member States: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Spain, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Austria, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Finland and the United Kingdom',

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