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II

(Information)

## INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 39/01)

Date of adoption of the decision	17.11.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 671/B/09
Member State	Slovakia
Region	_
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Podpora prechodu na digitálne vysielanie v Slovenskej republike
Legal basis	Zákon č. 220/2007 Z. z. o digitálnom vysielaní programových služieb a poskytovaní iných obsahových služieb prostredníctvom digitálneho prenosu a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov (zákon o digitálnom vysielaní) v znení zákona č. 654/2007 Z. z., Zákon č. 523/2004 Z. z. o rozpoctových pravidlách verejnej správy a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov v znení neskorších predpisov, Zákon č. 231/1999 Z. z. o štátnej pomoci v znení neskorších predpisov, Výnos MDPT SR o poskytovaní dotácie.
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Sectoral development
Form of aid	Direct grant
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 6,54 million
Intensity	50 %
Duration (period)	until 1.7.2013
Economic sectors	Media, Post and telecommunications
Name and address of the granting authority	Ministerstvo dopravy, pôšt a telekomunikácií SR Námestie Slobody 6 PO Box 100 810 05 Bratislava SLOVENSKO/SLOVAKIA
Other information	_
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http://ec.europa.eu/community\_law/state\_aids/state\_aids\_texts\_en.htm

Date of adoption of the decision	17.1.2011					
Reference number of State Aid	N 522/10					
Member State	Italy					
Region	Emilia-Romagna					
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Aiuto al salvataggio di Mariella Burani Fashion Group in A.S.					
Legal basis	Decreto Legislativo dell'8 luglio 1999, n. 270, «Nuova disciplina dell'am- ministrazione straordinaria delle grandi imprese in stato di insolvenza, a norma dell'articolo 1 della legge 30 luglio 1998, n. 274»; Decreto-legge del 23 dicembre 2003, n. 347, convertito con modificazioni nella Legge 18 febbraio 2004, n. 39, e successive modifiche; e Decreto del 23 dicembre 2004, n. 319, regolamento recante le condizioni e le modalità di prestazione della garanzia statale sui finanziamenti a favore delle grandi imprese in stato di insolvenza, ai sensi dell'articolo 101 del decreto legislativo 8 luglio 1999, n. 270					
Type of measure	Individual aid					
Objective	Rescue of firms in difficulty					
Form of aid	Guarantee					
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 15 million					
Intensity	100 %					
Duration (period)	31.1.2011-31.7.2011					
Economic sectors	Manufacturing industry, Textiles					
Name and address of the granting authority	Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico Via Molise 2 00196 Roma RM ITALIA					
Other information	_					
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http://ec.europa.eu/community\_law/state\_aids/state\_aids\_texts\_en.htm

Date of adoption of the decision	21.12.2010
Reference number of State Aid	SA.32047 (2010/N)
Member State	Denmark
Region	-
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Prolongation of the short-term export-credit insurance scheme

Legal basis	Section 6(2) and (3) of the Act on Eksport Kredit Fonden act.					
Type of measure	Aid scheme					
Objective	Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy, Export and inter- nationalisation					
Form of aid	Ad hoc contracts					
Budget	—					
Intensity	_					
Duration (period)	until 31.12.2011					
Economic sectors	All sectors					
Name and address of the granting authority	Kingdom of Denmark Eksport Kredit Fonden					
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	10.1.2011					
Reference number of State Aid	SA.32110 (2010/N)					
Member State	United Kingdom					
Region	_					
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Prolongation of the United Kingdom Framework 'Small amounts of compatible aid' (N 43/09)					
Legal basis	Regional Development Agencies Action 1998 Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993 Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 The Public Contracts Regulation SI 2006 No 5 European Communities (Finance) Act 2008 Industrial Training Act 1982 Sustainable Commu- nities Act 2007 National Lottery Act 1993 Environmental Protection Act 1990 Further Education and Training Act 2007 Learning and Skills Council Act 2000 Science and Technology Act 1965 Energy Act 2004 Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, section 20; Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990, as amended 1 April 2001, by Scottish Statutory Instrument 2001 No 126; Industrial Development Act 1982, sections 7 & 8. Local Government Act 2000 Section 2 Government of Wales Act 2006 Section 60 Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 (Section 1) as amended					
Type of measure	Aid scheme					
Objective	Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy					
Form of aid	Direct grant, Soft loan, Interest subsidy					
Budget	Annual budget: EUR 500 million Overall budget: EUR 500 million					
Intensity	_					
Duration (period)	1.1.2011-31.12.2011					

Economic sectors	All sectors
Name and address of the granting authority	-
Other information	—

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Date of adoption of the decision	24.1.2011				
Reference number of State Aid	SA.32140 (2010/N)				
Member State	France				
Region	_				
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Prolongation du régime temporaire relatif aux aides compatibles d'un montant limité (N 7/09)				
Legal basis	Article 20 de la constitution du 4 octobre 1958; articles L. 1511-1 à 1511-5, L. 2251-1, L.2252-1, L. 2253-7, L. 3231-1, L.3231-4, L.3231- L. 4211-1, L. 4211-1 10, L4253-1, L. 4253-3 et L5111-4 du co général des collectivités territoriales; circulaire du ministre de l'intérie du 3 juillet 2006 sur la mise en œuvre de la loi du 13 août 200 relative aux libertés et responsabilités locales en ce qui concerne interventions économiques des collectivités territoriales et de let groupements et ses annexes; circulaire du Premier ministre 26 janvier 2006 rappelant la réglementation communautaire de concurrence applicable aux aides publiques aux entreprises; circulaire JIACT du 30 novembre 2007 et du 24 décembre 2008 relatives l'application de la règlementation des aides publiques aux entrepris				
Type of measure	Aid scheme				
Objective	Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy				
Form of aid	Direct grant, Guarantee, Soft loan				
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 50 million				
Intensity	_				
Duration (period)	until 31.12.2011				
Economic sectors	All sectors				
Name and address of the granting authority	_				
Other information	_				

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

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 39/02)

Date of adoption of the decision	30.11.2009					
Reference number of State Aid	N 567/09					
Member State	Spain					
Region	País Vasco					
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Ayudas a la creación, desarrollo y producción audiovisual.					
Legal basis	Orden de 4 de mayo de 2009, de la Consejera de Cultura, por la que se convoca la concesión de ayudasa la creación, desarrollo y producción audiovisual					
Type of measure	Aid scheme					
Objective	Culture					
Form of aid	Direct grant					
Budget	Annual budget: EUR 2,53 million Overall budget: EUR 2,53 million					
Intensity	50 %					
Duration (period)	1.1.2009-31.3.2010					
Economic sectors	Media					
Name and address of the granting authority	Dirección de Promoción de la Cultura Departamento de Cultura Gobierno Vasco C/ Donostia-San Sebastián, 1 01010 Vitoria-Gasteiz ESPAÑA					
Other information	_					
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http://ec.europa.eu/community\_law/state\_aids/state\_aids\_texts\_en.htm

## Non-opposition to a notified concentration

#### (Case COMP/M.6041 — PAI/Gecos/Nuance)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 39/03)

On 31 January 2011, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/competition/ mergers/cases/). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm) under document number 32011M6041. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.

#### Non-opposition to a notified concentration

#### (Case COMP/M.5980 — Tranquilidade/Banco Pastor/Pastor Vida/Espirito Santo Gestion/Gespastor)

#### (Text with EEA relevance)

#### (2011/C 39/04)

On 20 December 2010, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/competition/ mergers/cases/). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm) under document number 32010M5980. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.

#### Non-opposition to a notified concentration

#### (Case COMP/M.6015 — Banco Santander/Bank Zachodni WBK/BZWBK AIB Asset Management)

#### (Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 39/05)

On 20 December 2010, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/competition/ mergers/cases/). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm) under document number 32010M6015. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.

#### Non-opposition to a notified concentration

#### (Case COMP/M.6049 — Compagnie de Saint-Gobain/Trakya/JV)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 39/06)

On 2 February 2011, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/competition/ mergers/cases/). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm) under document number 32011M6049. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.

#### Non-opposition to a notified concentration

#### (Case COMP/M.6077 — TPG/Ashland Distribution)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 39/07)

On 1 February 2011, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/competition/ mergers/cases/). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm) under document number 32011M6077. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.

IV

(Notices)

# NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

#### Euro exchange rates (1)

7 February 2011

(2011/C 39/08)

#### 1 euro =

	Currency	Exchange rate		Currency	Exchange rate
USD	US dollar	1,3553	AUD	Australian dollar	1,3355
JPY	Japanese yen	111,52	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,3380
DKK	Danish krone	7,4546	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	10,5511
GBP	Pound sterling	0,84020	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,7582
SEK	Swedish krona	8,8050	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,7284
CHF	Swiss franc	1,2953	KRW	South Korean won	1 497,50
ISK	Iceland króna	,	ZAR	South African rand	9,8535
NOK	Norwegian krone	7,8385	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	8,9247
BGN	Ū.	1,9558	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,4143
	Bulgarian lev	,	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	12 114,61
CZK	Czech koruna	24,070	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,1089
HUF	Hungarian forint	269,17	PHP	Philippine peso	58,855
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	RUB	Russian rouble	39,8100
LVL	Latvian lats	0,7015	THB	Thai baht	41,662
PLN	Polish zloty	3,8740	BRL	Brazilian real	2,2702
RON	Romanian leu	4,2590	MXN	Mexican peso	16,2228
TRY	Turkish lira	2,1387	INR	Indian rupee	61,6250

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

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## EUROPEAN SYSTEMIC RISK BOARD

#### DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN SYSTEMIC RISK BOARD

of 20 January 2011

on the procedures and requirements for the selection, appointment and replacement of the members of the Advisory Scientific Committee of the European Systemic Risk Board

(ESRB/2011/2)

(2011/C 39/09)

THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN SYSTEMIC RISK BOARD,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 on European Union macro-prudential oversight of the financial system and establishing a European Systemic Risk Board (<sup>1</sup>), and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Having regard to Decision ESRB/2011/1 of the European Systemic Risk Board of 20 January 2011 adopting the Rules of Procedure of the European Systemic Risk Board, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### Article 1

#### Call for expressions of interest

1. The European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) shall publish a call for expressions of interest for external experts to be appointed as members of the Advisory Scientific Committee (ASC) of the ESRB.

2. The call for expressions of interest shall, inter alia, describe: (a) the role and the composition of the ASC; (b) the eligibility and selection criteria and the modalities of appointment; (c) the economic aspects of the mandate; (d) the application procedure, including the deadline for receipt of applications.

3. The call for expressions of interest shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* and on the websites of the ESRB and of the institutions from which the ESRB General Board draws its members. Where appropriate, the ESRB may make public the call for expressions of interest via other media. In case of discrepancies between the different versions published, the version published in the Official Journal shall be authentic and shall take precedence over other versions.

4. The deadline for submission of candidates' applications shall be 21 calendar days after the publication of the call for expressions of interest in the Official Journal.

#### Article 2

#### Selection of the members of the ASC

1. The Steering Committee shall select the candidates to be proposed to the General Board as members of the ASC and those suitable for inclusion in a reserve list.

2. The Steering Committee shall evaluate the candidates according to the selection criteria set out in Article 3.

3. The Steering Committee shall complete an individual assessment form for each candidate, including a summary highlighting their specific merits and shortcomings and a conclusion regarding their suitability to be appointed as a member of the ASC or to be included in the reserve list provided for in Article 4.

4. The Steering Committee shall present the results of the selection process to the General Board for approval.

5. The Head of the ESRB Secretariat shall support the Steering Committee in preparing and organising the work for the selection of the members of the ASC. The ESRB Secretariat shall provide technical and logistical support to the Steering Committee. Where deemed appropriate by the Steering Committee, the ESRB Secretariat may be assisted by selected staff of the institutions from which the ESRB General Board draws its members.

#### Article 3

#### Selection criteria

1. In accordance with Article 12(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010, ASC members shall be chosen on the basis of their general competence and their diverse experience in academic fields or other sectors, in particular in small and medium-sized enterprises or trade-unions, or as providers or consumers of financial services.

The selection criteria for the ASC shall include in particular:

(a) in-depth expertise in the financial sector and its relationship with the wider economy and a general proven competence on systemic risk issues, in particular at the Union level;

- (b) a scientific contribution to the understanding of the interplay between the sectors mentioned in Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010;
- (c) a Ph.D. in finance, economics or another relevant field, or equivalent qualifications, solid academic experience in a university, such as a professorship, in one or more fields of relevance to the ESRB and/or a strong publication record;
- (d) ability to peer review scientific work and publications and to analyse complex information and dossiers;
- (e) professional experience in a multidisciplinary environment, preferably in an international context;
- (f) proven written and oral communication skills in English, based on teaching experience, public presentations, active participation in meetings of experts and publications.

The ESRB may provide for additional selection criteria in the calls for expressions of interest.

2. Employees of the institutions from which the ESRB General Board draws its members (<sup>1</sup>) are not eligible to apply.

#### Article 4

#### **Reserve list**

1. The reserve list shall include candidates who are not appointed as members of the ASC, although they were not discarded in the selection process.

2. In the event of a vacancy in the ASC, the Steering Committee shall, subject to paragraph 3, select a new candidate from the reserve list drawn up under Article 2(1) and propose them to the General Board as a member of the ASC for a four-year, renewable mandate.

3. The reserve list shall be valid for a period of two years from its approval. Its validity may be extended until a new call for expressions of interest is published.

#### Article 5

#### Chair and Vice-Chairs of the ASC

1. The Steering Committee shall ensure that at least six out of the 15 candidates could potentially and respectively be appointed as Chair and Vice-Chairs of the ASC.

2. The Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the ASC shall each have a high level of relevant expertise and knowledge, for example by virtue of their academic background in the sectors of banking, securities markets, or insurance and occupational pensions.

3. The Chair of the ESRB shall propose candidates to the General Board for the Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the ASC.

4. The Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the ASC shall be citizens of the European Union.

5. The chairmanship of the ASC shall rotate between the appointed Chair and the two Vice-Chairs every 16 months.

#### Article 6

#### Appointment

1. The General Board may approve the proposals of the Steering Committee or request the Steering Committee to propose other candidates as members of the ASC from among those not discarded by the Steering Committee.

2. The Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the ASC shall be appointed by the General Board following a proposal from the Chair of the ESRB.

3. The experts selected shall be appointed in a personal capacity. They shall therefore not delegate their responsibilities to another member or a third party, except for the Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the ASC in the cases and under the conditions set out in the Rules of Procedure of the ESRB.

4. All appointments shall be subject to the countersigning by the expert of the letter of appointment from the Chair of the ESRB, the signature of the contract with the European Central Bank on the indemnities and the reimbursement of expenses, and the provision of the declarations described in Article 7.

#### Article 7

#### Declarations

1. The experts selected for appointment as members of the ASC shall provide a declaration of commitment to act independently of any external influence and to be guided in the performance of their duties by the public interest of the Union as a whole. For this purpose, they shall make a written declaration of commitment and a declaration of interests using Templates 1 and 2 of the Annex. The declaration of interests shall indicate any direct or indirect interests which may be considered prejudicial to their independence or the absence of any such interests.

2. Members of the ASC shall sign a written declaration that they comply with the rules of confidentiality using Template 3 of the Annex.

3. The Chair and the two Vice-Chairs shall sign a written declaration confirming that they do not have any function in the financial industry.

4. Members of the ASC shall commit to abide by the Code of Conduct that the General Board of the ESRB shall adopt.

<sup>(1)</sup> The European Central Bank, the national central banks of the Member States of the European Union, the Commission, the European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority), the European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority), the European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority), the competent national supervisory authorities, the Economic and Financial Committee.

5. The above declarations shall be made public on the ESRB website. Any changes relating to these declarations shall be immediately notified to the Head of the ESRB Secretariat.

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#### Article 8

#### Termination and replacement

1. The General Board may terminate the mandate of an expert in the following circumstances:

- (a) where the expert resigns or their mandate expires without being renewed;
- (b) where the expert does not attend three consecutive regular meetings of the ASC, unless they prove that health reasons make attendance impossible;
- (c) in case of conflict of interest, breach of duty or serious misconduct.

2. If the mandate of a member of the ASC is terminated prior to the end of their four-year term, Article 4(2) and (3) shall apply.

3. The Chair or the Vice Chairs may be replaced by a serving member of the ASC, who shall themselves be replaced under the procedure described in paragraph 2.

4. Upon proposal of the Steering Committee, the General Board may decide to renew the mandate of a member of the ASC at its expiry for a further four years.

#### Article 9

#### **Publication**

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 20 January 2011.

The Chair of the ESRB Jean-Claude TRICHET

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ANNEX

TEMPLATE 1: COMMITMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

Name: \_\_\_\_

I hereby undertake to act independently of any external influence and to act solely in the interest of the Union.

In particular, I know that I am obliged to make an annual written declaration of interests and to declare at each meeting of the Advisory Scientific Committee (ASC) any interest that might be considered prejudicial to my independence in relation to the items on the agenda or to my contribution to the work of the ASC in general.

I shall immediately report to the ASC any attempt from third parties to influence me directly or indirectly in view of my mandate.

Done at \_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### TEMPLATE 2: DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Name: \_\_\_\_

Information on direct or indirect interests of potential relevance to the work of the Advisory Scientific Committee (ASC) and to the mission of the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB):

1. Direct interests (financial benefits arising from, for example, employment, contracted work, investments, fees etc.):

- 2. Indirect interests (indirect financial, e.g. grants, sponsorships, or other benefits):
- 3. Interests deriving from the professional activities of the member or their close family members:
- 4. Any membership role or affiliation that the member has in organisations or bodies or clubs with an interest in the work of the ASC or the mission of the ESRB:
- 5. Other interests or facts that the member considers pertinent:

Declaration:

I declare on my word of honour that the information provided above is true and complete.

I will immediately communicate any change concerning the abovementioned information to the ASC and to the ESRB Secretariat.

Done at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### TEMPLATE 3: DECLARATION CONCERNING CONFIDENTIALITY

Name: \_\_\_\_

I hereby declare that I am aware of my obligation to respect confidentiality.

I am obliged not to divulge information acquired as a result of my membership of the Advisory Scientific Committee (ASC) and my work for the European Systemic Risk Board, unless authorised otherwise.

I shall also respect the confidential nature of the opinions expressed by other members of the ASC or observers or other participants during discussions in meetings or provided in written form.

Done at \_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_

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(Announcements)

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

#### MEDIA 2007 — DEVELOPMENT, DISTRIBUTION, PROMOTION AND TRAINING

#### Call for proposals — EACEA/02/11

#### Support for the networking and mobility of students and trainers in Europe

(2011/C 39/10)

#### 1. Objectives and description

This notice of a call for proposals is based on Decision No 1718/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006 concerning the implementation of a programme of support for the European audiovisual sector (MEDIA 2007).

One of the objectives of this programme is to encourage exchanges and cooperation by providing support for networking amongst trainers across Europe, in particular the institutes of higher education, the training organisations and their partners in the professional sector and to encourage the mobility of students and trainers in Europe.

The call for proposals 02/11 is the last initial training call to be launched under MEDIA 2007 and offers a three-year framework partnership agreement.

#### 2. Eligible candidates

This is aimed at pan-European consortia of institutes of higher education and/or organisations involved in the audiovisual sector (coming from three participating countries with a minimum of three higher education institutes) whose activities contribute to the attainment of the abovementioned objectives of the MEDIA programme as described in the Council decision.

Applicants must be registered in one of the following countries and owned by a majority of nationals from one of the following countries: Member states of the European Union, the European Economic Area participating in the MEDIA 2007 programme (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), Switzerland and Croatia.

#### 3. Eligible measures

The following actions are eligible together with activities related thereto and which take place in the MEDIA countries:

Training activities aimed at developing the capacity of future audiovisual professionals to understand and integrate the European dimension in their work, by improving their expertise in the following areas:

- training in economic, financial and commercial management,
- training in new technologies,
- training in script development.

The period of eligibility for costs is from 12 to18 months maximum, in duly justified cases.

Activities must begin at the earliest by 1 September 2011 and must end by 30 June 2013.

#### 4. Award criteria

Eligible applications/projects will be assessed on the basis of a 100-point score according to the following criteria:

- quality of the content of the activity (20 points),
- project management (20 points),
- quality of the consortium (20 points),
- European dimension (20 points),
- impact (20 points).

#### 5. Budget

The total estimated budget allocated to the co-funding of projects amounts to EUR 2 000 000.

The maximum financial support cannot exceed 50 % or 75 % of the total costs.

The Agency reserves the right not to allocate all the funds available.

#### 6. Deadline for submissions

The deadline for sending in applications is 29 April 2011. Applications must be sent to the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Agency (EACEA) Call For Proposals EACEA/02/11 — 'MEDIA Support for the networking and mobility of students and trainers in Europe' Mr. Constantin DASKALAKIS BOUR 03/30 Avenue du Bourget/Bourgetlaan 1 1140 Bruxelles/Brussel BELGIQUE/BELGIË

Only applications made using the correct form, duly completed, dated and signed by the person legally empowered to bind the applicant organisation will be accepted.

Applications sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

#### 7. Further information

The guidelines of the call for proposals, as well as the application forms, are available at the following address: http://ec.europa.eu/culture/media/programme/training/forms/index\_en.htm

Applications must be submitted using the form provided and must contain all of the appendices and information requested.

## EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK

#### University Research Action: EIBURS 2010 Selection Committee Results

(2011/C 39/11)

Date of release: 8 February 2011

The **EIB-U**niversity **R**esearch **S**ponsorship Programme (**EIBURS**) is part of the EIB-Universities Research Action, through which the EIB aims to foster its institutional relations with universities. EIBURS provides grants to university research centres working on research topics and themes of major interest to the Bank. EIB bursaries, of up to EUR 100 000 per year for a period of three years, are awarded through a competitive process to interested university departments or research centres associated with universities in the EU, Accession or Acceding Countries, with recognised expertise in areas of direct interest to the Bank. The scholarship seeks to enable the chosen centres to expand their activities in these areas.

For the 2010-2013 period, the EIBURS programme has selected three lines of research:

- Benchmarking European SME Credit Performance.
- The History of European Infrastructure Finance.
- The Economic Impact of Law: An Economic Assessment of the Impact of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive.

The EIB received 22 formal proposals for the 3 EIBURS sponsorships proposed for the 2010-2013 period. The following table indicates the distribution of the applicants by country and theme:

EIBURS 2010	TOTAL	DE	ES	FR	IT	NL	РТ	RO	LU	UK
Benchmarking European SME Credit Performance	12	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
The History of European Infrastructure Finance	6	1		2		2	1			
The Economic Impact of Law: An Economic Assessment of the Impact of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive	4		1		1		1			1
Total	22	3	2	3	3	3	3	1	1	3

The EIB-Universities Committee decided, on 11 November 2010, to award the EIBURS on the line of research:

— Benchmarking European SME Credit Performance to the University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg).

— The History of European Infrastructure Finance to the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar (Germany).

The Economic Impact of Law: An Economic Assessment of the Impact of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive to the Technical University of Lisbon (Portugal).

The programme of activities envisaged by the 3 EIBURS will be published on this website once the contract with the Universities has been signed.

All applicants have been directly informed of these results.

The next round of EIBURS is expected to be launched in the coming months. The themes to be proposed will be announced with the launch.

For more extensive information on EIBURS and on the other programmes and mechanisms of the EIB-Universities Research Action, **STAREBEI** (**STA**ges de **RE**cherche **BEI**) and **EIB University Networks**, please visit the EIB-University Research Action homepage.

## EUROPEAN SYSTEMIC RISK BOARD

#### Call for expressions of interest for external experts to be appointed as members of the Advisory Scientific Committee of the European Systemic Risk Board (Frankfurt am Main, Germany)

(2011/C 39/12)

#### INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 (<sup>1</sup>), the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) launches a process for the establishment of the Advisory Scientific Committee of the ESRB (ASC). The ESRB therefore organises this call for expressions of interest to appoint the 15 experts of the ASC of the ESRB and to establish a reserve list for this Committee in accordance with Article 2 of the Decision of the General Board of the ESRB 2011/2 of 20 January 2011 (<sup>2</sup>) which establishes the procedures and requirements applicable to the selection, appointment and replacement of the ASC.

The ASC is an integral part of the ESRB. At the request of the ESRB Chair, the ASC shall provide analytical and consultative tasks to the ESRB:

- the analytical tasks include a contribution on how to improve analytical methodologies to detect risks and assess potential impacts of their materialisation; a contribution on how to design and calibrate effective macro-prudential policy tools, including improving existing tools or models as well as proposing new and/or complementary analytical tools and models,
- the consultative tasks include an open, independent and analytical review of macro-prudential strategies and operational frameworks, in order to contribute to a continuously state-of-the-art ESRB policy framework.

#### 1. The European Systemic Risk Board and its Advisory Scientific Committee

The ESRB is a EU level body responsible for the macro-prudential oversight of the financial system within the Union in order to contribute to the prevention or mitigation of systemic risks to financial stability in the Union that arise from developments within the financial system. Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010 entered into force on 16 December 2010. In accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010, the General Board of the ESRB shall approve the 15 external experts selected as members of the ASC.

#### 2. The role of the Advisory Scientific Committee

The ASC shall provide advice and assistance to the ESRB, at the request of the Chair of the ESRB. The mandate of the ASC is approved by the General Board of the ESRB and is published on the website of the ESRB. The members are expected to make a substantial contribution to the delivery of the mandate. The ASC shall meet at least twice a year. Meetings of the ASC shall normally be held at the premises of the European Central Bank in Frankfurt am Main, unless an exception is made.

All documents and reports of the ASC should be drafted in English, which is the working language of the ESRB.

<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 on European Union macro-prudential oversight of the financial system and establishing a European Systemic Risk Board (hereinafter referred to as 'Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010') (OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> The Decision of the General Board of the ESRB is available on the ESRB website.

In accordance with Article 12(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010, where appropriate, the ASC shall organise consultations at an early stage with stakeholders such as market participants, consumer bodies and academic experts, in an open and transparent manner, while taking into account the requirement of confidentiality.

#### 3. Composition of the Advisory Scientific Committee

The ASC is composed of the Chair of the Advisory Technical Committee (ATC) and of 15 experts representing a wide range of skills and experiences appointed for a four-year, renewable mandate.

These experts are proposed by the Steering Committee and approved by the General Board of the ESRB. They must not be members of the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) established under Regulations (EU) No 1093/2010, (EU) No 1094/2010 and (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Banking Authority, a European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority and a European Securities Markets Authority respectively (<sup>1</sup>).

Applicants cannot be employees of institutions from which the ESRB General Board draws its members.

One member of the ASC shall also be a member of the ATC (2), which shall meet at least four times a year.

The members of the ESRB shall give particular attention to the respect of rules of confidentiality. Moreover, they will have to sign a contract with the ECB on the indemnities and the reimbursement of expenses.

#### 4. The Chair and the Vice-Chairs of the Advisory Scientific Committee

The Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the ASC shall be appointed by the General Board following a proposal from the Chair of the ESRB. The Chairmanship of the ASC shall rotate among the appointed Chair and two Vice-Chairs of the ASC every 16 months. The Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the ASC are members of the General Board of the ESRB (<sup>3</sup>) with voting rights. The General Board of the ESRB shall meet at least four times a year (<sup>4</sup>). The Chair of the ASC is also a member of the Steering Committee of the ESRB (<sup>5</sup>). The Steering Committee shall meet at least quarterly before each meeting of the General Board (<sup>6</sup>).

#### 5. Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 12(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010, ASC members shall be chosen on the basis of their general competence and their diverse experience in academic fields or other sectors, in particular in small and medium-sized enterprises or trade-unions, or as providers or consumers of financial services.

Applications shall be submitted to a comparative evaluation carried out by the ESRB in particular on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- an in-depth expertise of the financial sector and its relationships with the wider economy and a general competence on systemic risk issues, in particular at the EU level,
- a scientific contribution to the understanding of the interplay between the sectors mentioned in Article 12 of the Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010,
- a Ph.D. in finance, economics or another relevant field or equivalent qualifications, a solid academic experience in a university (e.g. professorship) in one or several fields of relevance to the ESRB and/or a strong publication record would be distinct advantages,

<sup>(&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>) OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 12.

<sup>(2)</sup> Article 13(1)(h) of Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010.

<sup>(3)</sup> Article 6(1)(g) of Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010.

<sup>(4)</sup> Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010.

<sup>(&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>) Article 11(1)(i) of Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010.

<sup>(6)</sup> Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010.

- ability to peer reviewing scientific work and publications, to analyse complex information and dossiers,
- professional experience in a multidisciplinary environment, preferably in an international context,
- proven written and oral communication skills in English, based on teaching experience, public presentations, active participation in meetings of experts, publications.

Compliance with all above criteria will be an asset.

#### 6. Additional selection criteria for the Chair and the Vice-Chairs of the ASC

The Chair and the Vice-Chairs of the ASC shall each have a high level of relevant expertise and knowledge, for example by virtue of their academic background in the sectors of banking, securities markets, or insurance and occupational pensions (<sup>1</sup>). However, the Chair and the Vice-Chairs of the ASC, as members of the ESRB General Board, shall not perform any functions in the financial industry (<sup>2</sup>). The Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the ASC shall be EU nationals.

#### 7. Appointment, terms and reserve list

The selection procedure shall apply in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010 and the Rules of Procedure of the ESRB. The members of the ASC shall be appointed by the General Board of the ESRB in a personal capacity and shall therefore not delegate their responsibilities to another member or a third party. Each of the ASC members shall also sign a contract with the ECB, in particular specifying the terms applicable to the indemnities and the reimbursement of expenses.

Experts who are not appointed as members of the ASC nor discarded in the selection shall be retained on a reserve list. The candidates on this reserve list may be invited to fill the position of ASC members who resign or become otherwise incapacitated. However, inclusion in the reserve list does not create an entitlement to be a member of the ASC. The reserve list shall be valid for a period of two years from its approval; its validity can be extended until a new call for expressions of interest is published.

#### 8. Indemnities and reimbursement of expenses

Members of the ASC shall be entitled to indemnities related to their participation in the activities of the committee. These indemnities shall be paid by the European Central Bank in accordance with Article 11(4) of the ESRB Rules of Procedure and ECB rules.

These indemnities shall be:

- EUR 500 for participation in the meetings of the ASC,
- EUR 250 for participation in a morning or afternoon meeting of the ASC, and
- a lump sum of EUR 500 for preparations and follow-up.

The same would apply for the ASC representative in the ATC.

The Chair and the Vice Chairs shall be entitled to:

- an indemnity of EUR 1 000 for each meeting of the ASC, of the General Board and/or of the Steering Committee, as the case may be,
- an indemnity of EUR 500 for participation in a morning or afternoon meeting of the ASC, and
- a lump sum for preparations and follow-up of EUR 1 000.

<sup>(1)</sup> Article 12(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010.

<sup>(2)</sup> Article 7(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010.

Compensation for the participation to other meetings or events will be negotiated on ad hoc basis in agreement with the Head of the ESRB Secretariat and will require the authorisation of the ECB.

Furthermore, travel, hotel accommodation costs, and, where appropriate, subsistence expenses incurred by members of the ASC in connection with meetings relating to their mandate shall be reimbursed in accordance with the ECB Terms of Reference for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by invited speakers.

The total annual compensation for the preparatory work and for attending meetings (excluding travel, hotel accommodation costs and subsistence expenses) will be limited to EUR 15 000 per member and EUR 35 000 for the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the ASC respectively.

If a member of the ASC does not personally attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee, they will be deemed to have resigned, unless they can prove that health reasons make attendance impossible.

#### 9. Independence and declarations of commitment and interest

The appointment of ASC members shall be subject to the provision of declarations where they commit to act independently of any external influence and to be guided by the public interest of the European Union as a whole and to comply with rules of confidentiality.

#### 10. Handling of personal data in the context of this call for expressions of interest

All personal information on candidates shall be processed by the ESRB pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (<sup>1</sup>).

The Head of the ESRB Secretariat shall be identified as controller for the processing of personal data related to the selection procedure based on this call for expressions of interest.

The purpose of the processing is to organise a selection of 15 ASC members and of a Chair and two Vice-Chairs among this group and to establish a reserve list; all personal data shall be processed solely for this purpose.

Candidates have a right to access their data and to update or correct their identification data. On the other hand, data demonstrating compliance with the eligibility criteria and selection criteria may not be updated or corrected after the closing date for this call for expressions of interest.

Candidates are entitled to have recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The names of the ASC members shall be published on the ESRB website.

#### 11. Application procedure

For the applications to be valid, applications must be submitted in accordance with the procedures set out below:

11.1. Application form and curriculum vitae (CV):

The application form is available from the following address: http://www.esrb.europa.eu and should be accompanied by a CV.

The model European CV (recommended) can be downloaded at the same web address.

11.2. Applications shall be submitted no later than 21 calendar days after the publication of the call for expressions of interest in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (the date of receipt shall be taken as a proof).

 $(^1)~OJ~L$  8, 12.1.2001, p. 2.

Applications can be submitted either:

(a) by registered post or by private courier service to the following address:

European Systemic Risk Board Post address: c/o European Central Bank Postfach 16 03 19 60066 Frankfurt am Main DEUTSCHLAND

(b) or by e-mail at the following e-mail address: ascapplications@esrb.europa.eu (recommended).

The application shall be signed by the candidate.

Applications submitted after the abovementioned deadline or via other means (e.g. via fax) shall not be taken into account. Unclear or incomplete applications shall not be considered. In order to facilitate the selection process, all communication with applicants concerning this call for expressions of interest will be in English.

Applicants must keep the ESRB Secretariat informed in writing of any change in their situation or address without delay, so that their application may be kept up to date.

All candidates applying to this call for expressions of interest shall be informed about the outcome of the selection and appointment process.

#### 12. Jurisdiction

In cases of litigation, the Court of Justice of the European Union shall have jurisdiction.

## PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## Prior notification of a concentration (Case COMP/M.6134 — Bouygues/Heijmans UK Limited)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 39/13)

1. On 31 January 2011 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (<sup>1</sup>) by which the undertaking Bouygues SA ('Bouygues', France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the undertaking Heijmans UK Limited ('Heijmans', UK) by way of purchase of shares.

- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- for Bouygues: construction, telecommunications and media
- for Heijmans: property development, residential and non-residential construction, technical services, and activities in the infrastructure sector.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation (<sup>2</sup>) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6134 — Bouygues/Heijmans UK Limited, to the following address:

European Commission Directorate-General for Competition Merger Registry J-70 1049 Bruxelles/Brussel BELGIQUE/BELGIË

<sup>(&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

 $<sup>\</sup>binom{2}{2}$  OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

#### **European Commission**

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