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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)**

(2013/C 162/01)

Date of adoption of the decision	17.12.2010
Reference number of State Aid	SA.31783 (N 489/10)
Member State	Germany
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Filmstiftung Nordrhein-Westfalen — Verlängerung der Beihilfenregelung N 717/09
Legal basis	Richtlinien der Filmstiftung Nordrhein-Westfalen GmbH
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Culture
Form of aid	Reimbursable grant
Budget	Annual budget: EUR 12,55 million Overall budget: EUR 75,3 million
Intensity	70 %
Duration (period)	1.1.2011-31.12.2016
Economic sectors	Recreational, cultural sporting activities
Name and address of the granting authority	Filmstiftung Nordrhein-Westfalen DEUTSCHLAND
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/competition/elojade/isef/index.cfm>

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(Text with EEA relevance, except for products falling under Annex I to the Treaty)

(2013/C 162/02)

Date of adoption of the decision	3.4.2013	
Reference number of State Aid	SA.35809 (13/N)	
Member State	Denmark	
Region	—	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Guarantee scheme	
Legal basis	Lov nr. 571 af 1. juli 2002 om Vækstfonden, med senere ændringer. Bekendtgørelse nr. 1013 af 17. august 2007 om Vækstfondens virke. Aktstykke nr. 1 vedtaget af Finansudvalget den 30. oktober 2009.	
Type of measure	Scheme	—
Objective	—	
Form of aid	Guarantee	
Budget	—	
Intensity	—	
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2015	
Economic sectors	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	
Name and address of the granting authority	Vækstfonden Strandvejen 104 A 2900 Hellerup DANMARK	
Other information	—	

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Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2013/C 162/03)

Date of adoption of the decision	20.2.2013	
Reference number of State Aid	SA.31860 (N 506/10)	
Member State	Slovakia	
Region	—	Non-assisted areas
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Nariadenie vlády Slovenskej republiky č. 426/2010 Z. z., ktorým sa ustanovujú podrobnosti o výške odvodu z dodanej elektriny koncovým odberateľom a spôsobe jeho výberu pre Národný jadrový fond na vyradovanie jadrových zariadení a na nakladanie s vyhoretým jadrovým palivom a rádioaktívnymi odpadmi.	
Legal basis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zákon 238/2006 Z. z. o Národnom jadrovom fonde na vyradovanie jadrových zariadení a na nakladanie s vyhoretým jadrovým palivom a rádioaktívnymi odpadmi (zákon o jadrovom fonde) a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov v znení neskorších predpisov. 2. Nariadenie vlády Slovenskej republiky č. 426/2010 Z. z., ktorým sa ustanovujú podrobnosti o výške odvodu z dodanej elektriny koncovým odberateľom a spôsobe jeho výberu pre Národný jadrový fond na vyradovanie jadrových zariadení a na nakladanie s vyhoretým jadrovým palivom a rádioaktívnymi odpadmi. 3. Zákon 391/2012, ktorým sa mení a dopĺňa zákon č. 238/2006 Z. z., o Národnom jadrovom fonde na vyradovanie jadrových zariadení a na nakladanie s vyhoretým jadrovým palivom a rádioaktívnymi odpadmi (zákon o jadrovom fonde) a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov v znení neskorších predpisov. 	
Type of measure	Scheme	Slovenské elektrárne a. s., Javys a. s.
Objective	Other — Safe decommissioning	
Form of aid	Direct grant	
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 2 364 million Annual budget: EUR 70 million	
Intensity	—	
Duration (period)	1.1.2011-31.12.2041	
Economic sectors	Electric power generation, transmission and distribution	
Name and address of the granting authority	Ministerstvo hospodárstva a výstavby SR Mierová 19 827 15 Bratislava 212 SLOVENSKO/SLOVAKIA	
Other information	—	

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Date of adoption of the decision	6.3.2013	
Reference number of State Aid	SA.34359 (12/N)	
Member State	Poland	
Region	Miasto Warszawa	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Pomoc dla MPR „Sarmatia” sp. z o.o. na realizację projektu budowy rurociągu naftowego Brody–Adamowo (jako części rurociągu Odessa–Brody–Płock)	
Legal basis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ustawa z dnia 6 grudnia 2006 r. o zasadach prowadzenia polityki rozwoju 2) Ustawa z dnia 27 sierpnia 2009 r. o finansach publicznych 3) Program Operacyjny Infrastruktura i Środowisko na lata 2007–2013, wersja 3.0 zatwierdzona decyzją Komisji Europejskiej COM(2011) 9376 z dnia 21 grudnia 2011 r. 4) Program Operacyjny Infrastruktura i Środowisko 2007–2013: Szczegółowy opis priorytetów 5) Załącznik nr 1 do Szczegółowego opisu priorytetów Programu Operacyjnego Infrastruktura i Środowisko: Kryteria wyboru projektów dla Priorytetu X: „Bezpieczeństwo energetyczne, w tym dywersyfikacja źródeł energii” 6) Załącznik nr 2 do Szczegółowego opisu priorytetów PO Infrastruktura i Środowisko – Organizacja systemu oceny i wyboru projektów w ramach Programu Operacyjnego Infrastruktura i Środowisko 7) Wytyczne Ministra Rozwoju Regionalnego w zakresie jednolitego systemu zarządzania i monitorowania projektów indywidualnych, zgodnych z art. 28 ust. 1 ustawy z dnia 6 grudnia 2006 r. o zasadach prowadzenia polityki rozwoju 8) Lista projektów indywidualnych dla Programu Operacyjnego Infrastruktura i Środowisko 2007–2013 (aktualizacja z dnia 12 sierpnia 2011 r.) 9) „Polityka Rządu RP dla przemysłu naftowego w Polsce”, przyjęta przez Radę Ministrów w dniu 6 lutego 2007 r. 10) „Polityka energetyczna Polski do 2030 roku” przyjęta przez Radę Ministrów w dniu 10 listopada 2009 r. 11) Umowa nr UPP-POIS.10.01.00-00-019/10-01 z dnia 27 stycznia 2010 r. dotycząca przygotowania projektu budowy rurociągu naftowego Brody–Płock z możliwością jego przedłużenia do Gdańska lub w kierunku zachodnim (pre-umowa) 12) Wytyczne Ministra Rozwoju Regionalnego w zakresie kwalifikowania wydatków w ramach Programu Operacyjnego Infrastruktura i Środowisko 13) Projekt umowy o dofinansowanie 	
Type of measure	Individual aid	—
Objective	Sectoral development, Execution of an important project of common Europe	
Form of aid	Direct grant	
Budget	Overall budget: PLN 545 million	
Intensity	37 %	
Duration (period)	1.12.2012-31.12.2015	
Economic sectors	Transport via pipeline	

Name and address of the granting authority	Instytut Nafty i Gazu ul. Lubicz 25A 31-503 Kraków POLSKA/POLAND
Other information	—

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Date of adoption of the decision	20.12.2012	
Reference number of State Aid	SA.35709 (12/N)	
Member State	Slovenia	
Region	—	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Recapitalisation of NKBM	
Legal basis	Hybrid loan agreement	
Type of measure	Ad hoc aid	Nova Kreditna Banka Maribor d.d. (NKBM)
Objective	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	
Form of aid	Other forms of equity intervention — Capital increase in the form of hybrid loan	
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 100 million	
Intensity	—	
Duration (period)	From 31.12.2012	
Economic sectors	Financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding	
Name and address of the granting authority	Ministry of Finance Župančičeva 3 SI-1000 Ljubljana SLOVENIJA Tel. +386 13696300 Fax +386 13696659 E-mail: gp.mf(at)gov.si	
Other information	—	

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Date of adoption of the decision	22.1.2013	
Reference number of State Aid	SA.35999 (12/N)	
Member State	Greece	
Region	—	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Prolongation of the Guarantee Scheme and the Bond Loan Scheme for Credit Institutions in Greece	
Legal basis	Law No 3723/2008 'For the enhancement of liquidity of the economy in response to the impact of the international financial crisis'	
Type of measure	Scheme	—
Objective	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	
Form of aid	Guarantee, Other — Bond loan scheme	
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 93 000 million	
Intensity	—	
Duration (period)	Until 30.6.2013	
Economic sectors	Financial and insurance activities	
Name and address of the granting authority	Ministry of Finance Nikis 5-7 ΕΛΛΑΔΑ/GREECE	
Other information	—	

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Date of adoption of the decision	29.4.2013	
Reference number of State Aid	SA.36345 (13/N)	
Member State	United Kingdom	
Region	—	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) scheme — Air quality requirements	
Legal basis	<p>Primary legislation (power to introduce the RHI scheme): Section 100 of the Energy Act 2008</p> <p>Secondary legislation — The Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations 2011, http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2011/9780111512753/contents</p> <p>The regulations above were amended in 2012 — The Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2012, http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2012/1999/contents/made</p>	
Type of measure	Scheme	—
Objective	Environmental protection	
Form of aid	Other — A set pence/kWh tariff for the generation of useful renewable heat	
Budget	—	
Intensity	—	
Duration (period)	Until 30.6.2040	
Economic sectors	All economic sectors eligible to receive aid	
Name and address of the granting authority	<p>Department of Energy and Climate Change 3 Whitehall Place London SW1A 2AW UNITED KINGDOM</p>	
Other information	—	

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<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/elojade/isef/index.cfm>

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.6842 — Goldman Sachs/TPG Lundy/Verna Group)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2013/C 162/04)

On 14 May 2013, 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 32013M6842. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.6880 — Liberty Global/Virgin Media)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2013/C 162/05)

On 15 April 2013, 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 32013M6880. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.
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(Notices)

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

6 June 2013

(2013/C 162/06)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate
USD US dollar	1,3118	AUD Australian dollar	1,3789
JPY Japanese yen	129,96	CAD Canadian dollar	1,3529
DKK Danish krone	7,4548	HKD Hong Kong dollar	10,1835
GBP Pound sterling	0,84910	NZD New Zealand dollar	1,6485
SEK Swedish krona	8,6072	SGD Singapore dollar	1,6375
CHF Swiss franc	1,2357	KRW South Korean won	1 465,25
ISK Iceland króna		ZAR South African rand	13,0450
NOK Norwegian krone	7,5810	CNY Chinese yuan renminbi	8,0493
BGN Bulgarian lev	1,9558	HRK Croatian kuna	7,5225
CZK Czech koruna	25,778	IDR Indonesian rupiah	12 847,93
HUF Hungarian forint	297,37	MYR Malaysian ringgit	4,0478
LTL Lithuanian litas	3,4528	PHP Philippine peso	55,210
LVL Latvian lats	0,7022	RUB Russian rouble	42,1349
PLN Polish zloty	4,2759	THB Thai baht	40,212
RON Romanian leu	4,4871	BRL Brazilian real	2,7849
TRY Turkish lira	2,4773	MXN Mexican peso	16,8147
		INR Indian rupee	74,5640

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

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(Announcements)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK

Call for proposals — The European Investment Bank Institute proposes two new EIBURS sponsorships under its knowledge programme

(2013/C 162/07)

The European Investment Bank Institute channels most of its institutional relations with universities through its knowledge programme, consisting of three different programmes:

- **EIBURS**, the **EIB** University **R**esearch **S**ponsorship programme,
- **STAREBEI** (**ST**Ages de **RE**cherche **BEI**), a programme for financing young researchers working on joint EIB-university projects, and
- **EIB University Networks**, a cooperation mechanism for university networks displaying characteristics that are of particular relevance to supporting the objectives of the EIB Group.

EIBURS provides grants to university research centres working on research topics and themes of major interest to the Bank. EIB sponsorships, 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 EU, candidate or potential candidate countries, with recognised expertise in EIB-selected areas, so that they can expand their activities in these areas. Successful proposals entail the delivery of a variety of outputs (research, organisation of courses and seminars, networking, dissemination of results, etc.) that will be the subject of a contractual agreement with the Bank.

For the academic year 2013/14, the **EIBURS** programme has selected two new lines of research:

Smart city development: Applying European and international experience to the Mediterranean region

Urban development has become a key priority for the countries of the Mediterranean region, both at the national and international level, and within the EIB via its FEMIP programme. The 'smart city' concept (originally defined as the 'considered' application of ICT to facilitate efficient, inclusive and integrated urban development, but more broadly to include sustainability, innovation and governance, as well as investments in public transport, energy efficiency and research facilities) is potentially an important dimension. However, there is a need to forge a framework to connect the technology and public policy aspects with the realities of city management, municipal financing and investment programming in the region.

The university research centre receiving support under the EIBURS would be expected to pursue a research programme focused on the following key questions, building on European and other international experience:

- How can smart city initiatives contribute to meeting urban development priorities?
- How can we best define a smart city concept suited to application in the region?
- Which features and examples of European and international best practice are most suitable to draw on for such application?
- What is the array of tangible investments potentially feasible under a smart city investment programme, and how should alternatives be prioritised?
- How do potential smart city initiatives map to the municipal management, governance and financing presently existing?
- How should smart city investments be appraised economically for comparison with alternative investment options, to ensure that they deliver value to society?
- How can smart city investments or investment programmes best be developed and implemented?

The regional focus of the proposals would be focused on, but not limited to, FEMIP countries. Applicants are encouraged to establish partnerships with other universities and research centres. The Bank may facilitate the involvement of the selected university/research centre in its networking activities via the Union for the Mediterranean or the Centre for Mediterranean Integration.

Administrative capacity-building in Europe

The capacity of public administrations to effectively and efficiently perform the various functions required of Government, including the planning and delivery of infrastructure and public services, has an important impact on the everyday lives of citizens and on the functioning of the private sector. The OECD defines capacity-building as the means by which skills, experience, technical and management capacity are developed within an organisational structure (contractors, consultants or contracting agencies) — often through the provision of technical assistance, short-/long-term training, and specialist inputs (e.g., IT systems). The process may involve the development of human, organisational, material and financial resources.

Originally, a concept employed in a development context, notably by the UN and World Bank, the need to strengthen institutions through administrative capacity-building (ACB) has become an integral part of the European enlargement process, when ACB programmes became an important element of support to countries aspiring to join the EU and adopt the *acquis communautaire*. Even after accession, new EU Member States continue to receive funding for self-managed ACB operational programmes, notably from the structural funds. With billions of euros at stake, improving the effectiveness of how public administrations direct and manage public investment programmes is an urgent challenge. At the project level, the EIB frequently supports implementation capacity development through technical assistance to project implementation units (PIU).

The body of scientific evidence about what ACB measures do and don't work in different contexts remains thin. What is it that really builds administrative capacity and strong institutions in the long run? Is it simply a question of having a sufficient number of well-trained, adequately paid staff, setting key performance indicators (KPIs), and transparently reporting expenditure and results? Are outsourcing and public-private partnerships a magic cure for limited public sector capacity? Are models sector-specific, such as for

transport, environment and home affairs, or are they generic? Are there benefits from peer learning across public administrations in different EU countries? What lessons are there from the 'new public management' of KPI-measured results, resource prioritisation and fiscal discipline?

The purpose of this research is to deepen the knowledge on the conceptual frameworks, diagnosis, metrics, and models for effective ACB in practice. Research proposals are invited on any topic that advances knowledge in this area. However, preference will be given to proposals that adopt a pan-European perspective and address both theoretical and practical aspects of ACB linked to the planning and delivery of infrastructure and related public services. Proposals with a direct link to operational decision-making and with scope to improve absorption of EU funds used for high-quality investments are particularly welcome.

Proposals should be submitted in English or French and the deadline for presentation of proposals is 13 September 2013. Proposals submitted after this date will not be considered. Proposals should be sent to:

Electronic copy:

events.eibinstitute@eib.org

and

Hard copy:

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For the attention of Ms Luisa FERREIRA, Coordinator.

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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6857 — Crane Co./MEI Group)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2013/C 162/08)

1. On 31 May 2013, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Crane Co. ('Crane', USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the MEI Group ('MEI', USA), owned by Bain Capital and Advantage Partners, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Crane: a diversified manufacturer of highly engineered industrial products principally active in the following markets: aerospace, defense electronics, automated merchandising (including unattended payment systems and vending machines), chemical, pharmaceutical, oil, gas, power, nuclear, building services and utilities,
- for MEI: provides unattended payment systems mainly used for automated validation, acceptance and dispensing of currency. MEI also supplies traffic signals, in the form of both portable traffic lights and portable electronic message boards, in Japan though, not the EEA.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6857 — Crane Co./MEI Group, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

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