

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(2002/C 5/02)

(Text with EEA relevance)

Date of adoption of the decision: 18.7.2001

Member State: Germany (Leuna, *Land* Sachsen-Anhalt)

Aid No: N 184/2000

Title: State aid in favour of Kartogroup Deutschland GmbH

Objective: Investment aid for the construction of a production plant for tissue products (toilet paper and kitchen towels)

Legal basis: 29. Rahmenplan der Gemeinschaftsaufgabe „Verbesserung der regionalen Wirtschaftsstruktur“; Investitionszulassungsgesetz 1999; Bürgerschaftsrichtlinie des Landes Sachsen-Anhalt

Aid intensity or amount: EUR 27,6 million (DEM 53,9 million), equivalent to 35 % aid intensity

Other information: Germany has committed itself to withhold the payment of EUR 5,5 million (DEM 10,780 million) of the investment grant of the total EUR 19,7 million (DEM 38,5 million) until the orderly execution of the project and the accurate number of the direct and indirect jobs created have been verified at 31 December 2002.

Germany shall provide the Commission with an annual report on the execution of the project. The first report shall be submitted concerning year 2000

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Date of adoption of the decision: 19.9.2001

Member State: Denmark

Aid No: N 246/01

Title: Grants to companies with working environment certificates

Objective: Encourage employers to improve the working environment beyond the legal requirements

Legal basis: Lov om arbejdsmiljøcertifikat til virksomheder og om statstilskud til virksomheder med certifikat, lov nr. 442 af 7. juni 2001

Budget: DKK 120 million per year (approximately EUR 16 million)

Aid intensity or amount: Measure not constituting an aid

Duration: Undetermined

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Date of adoption of the decision: 25.7.2001

Member State: Austria

Aid No: N 34/99

Title: Compensation of stranded costs

Objective: To create a framework for safeguarding consumer protection, environmental considerations and security of supply in a liberalised electricity market

Legal basis: Elektrizitätswirtschafts- und -organisationsgesetz vom 19. Februar 1999 und Durchführungsverordnungen

Budget: ATS 6,27 billion (EUR 456 million) for three hydropower plants; ATS 1,82 billion (EUR 132,6 million) for a lignite plant at Voitsberg, Styria (if it is aid)

Duration: Until 31 December 2009

Other information: Annual report

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Date of adoption of the decision: 2.10.2001

Member State: Germany

Aid No: N 364/01

Title: R & D programme 'Research for construction and sustainable urban development'

Objective: To support R & D projects in the field of construction (construction)

Legal basis: Haushaltsgesetz

Budget: Total budget over five years: EUR 22 million; annual budget: EUR 4,4 million on average

Aid intensity or amount: For fundamental research: maximum 100 %; for feasibility studies: maximum 75 %/50 %; for industrial research: maximum 50 %; for pre-competitive development: maximum 25 %; plus bonus where appropriate

Duration: 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2006

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Date of adoption of the decision: 6.9.2001

Member State: United Kingdom

Aid No: N 385/01

Title: Highlands and Islands Enterprise R & D innovation scheme for SMEs

Objective: To support R & D activities by SMEs in the Highlands and Islands region of Scotland

Legal basis: Enterprise and New Towns Act (Scotland) 1990, as amended by Scottish Statutory Instrument 2001 No 126

Budget: GBP 2 million (approximately EUR 3,2 million) per year

Aid intensity or amount: 50 % for industrial research; 25 % for pre-competitive development. Possibility to increase aid intensities in accordance with section 5 of the Community framework for State aid for research and development (OJ C 45, 1996)

Duration: Until 31 December 2011

Other information: Annual report

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Date of adoption of the decision: 17.10.2001

Member State: Italy (Valle d'Aosta)

Aid No: N 429/01

Title: Aid for firms affected by torrential rain in October 2000

Objective: To make good the damage caused by the torrential rain that fell in the Valle d'Aosta in October 2000

Legal basis: Proposta al Consiglio della Valle del disegno di legge regionale recante «Interventi regionale a favore delle imprese colpite dagli eventi alluvionali dell'ottobre 2000»; Deliberazione n. 1159 del 13 aprile 2001, della Giunta regionale

Budget: ITL 1 000 million (EUR 516 456)

Aid intensity or amount: Up to 95 %, excluding sums received by beneficiaries under insurance contracts

Duration: One year

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Date of adoption of the decision: 30.10.2001

Member State: The Netherlands

Aid No: N 430/01

Title: Extatic

Objective: To stimulate research on system aspects and fundamental optic systems for the use of extreme ultraviolet (EUV) light for lithography applications

Legal basis: Medea+ programma

Budget: NLG 120 million (EUR 54,5 million)

Aid intensity or amount: 16,7 %

Duration: Four years

Other information: Annual report

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Date of adoption of the decision: 30.10.2001

Member State: The Netherlands

Aid No: N 433/01

Title: FLUOR

Objective: To carry out research in order to find a total solution on the application of 157 nm lithography

Legal basis: Medea+ programma

Budget: NLG 120 million (EUR 54,5 million)

Aid intensity or amount: 39,5 %

Duration: Four years

Other information: Annual report

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Date of adoption of the decision: 6.11.2001

Member State: Belgium

Aid No: N 469/01

Title: Preliminary draft decree on aid to promote the recruitment of unemployed job-seekers by local, regional and community authorities and by certain employers in the non-market sector, education and the market sector

Objective: Job creation for unemployed job-seekers and persons having equivalent status in Wallonia

Legal basis:

— Article 6 paragraphe 1, point IX, 2°, de la loi spéciale du 8 août 1980 de réformes institutionnelles/Artikel 6, § 1, IX, 2°, van de bijzondere wet van 8 augustus 1980 tot hervorming der instellingen

— Arrêté royal n° 474 du 28 octobre 1986/Koninklijk Besluit nr. 474 van 28 oktober 1986

— Chapitre II du titre III de la loi-programme du 30 décembre 1988/Hoofdstuk II van titel III van de programmawet van 30 december 1988

Budget: The overall budget for the scheme is estimated at BEF 17 billion (approximately EUR 421,40 million) per year. The annual budget earmarked for firms is BEF 400 million (approximately EUR 9,915 million)

Aid intensity or amount: A maximum of EUR 30 492 gross per worker per year

Duration: Ten years

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Date of adoption of the decision: 28.3.2001

Member State: The Netherlands

Aid No: N 483/2000

Title: Sale Ingenieursbureau Zuid-Holland

Objective: Complete privatisation, after a period of an autonomous status of engineering group Zuid-Holland NV

Legal basis: Intentieverklaring tussen de Provincie Zuid-Holland en DHV Milieu en Infrastructuur BV en de managers, 's-Gravenhage, 30 maart 2000

Budget: NLG 1,3 million

Aid intensity or amount: 50 %

Duration: 1 April 2003

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Date of adoption of the decision: 13.9.2001

Member State: United Kingdom (Highlands and Islands = statistical unit NUTS II UKA3 and the remaining parts of the local government area of Moray, which are part of NUTS III ukm11)

Aid No: N 527/01

Title: HIE enterprise scheme for initial investment and job creation

Objective: Regional aid, SME aid

Legal basis: Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990, specifically section 8 of the Act. The detailed implementation arrangements are laid down in the scheme's administrative guidelines

Budget: Annually GBP 25 million (approximately EUR 41,2 million)

Aid intensity or amount: Inside assisted areas the maximum allowed aid intensities of the UK regional aid map 2000-2006 (including SME bonus of 10 % gross) apply, outside assisted areas aid intensities will not exceed 7,5 % for medium-sized enterprises and 15 % for small enterprises

Duration: 31 December 2006

Other information: Companies in difficulties are excluded

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Date of adoption of the decision: 17.10.2001

Member State: Spain (Region of Valencia)

Aid No: N 601/01

Title: Change to aid N 676/2000 (gasification plan for small and medium-sized towns — region of Valencia)

Objective: To extend the gas distribution network

Legal basis: Proyecto de Orden de la Consellería de Industria y Comercio, sobre concesión de ayudas a depósitos e instalaciones anexas de canalización de gas en poblaciones para la ejecución del Plan Valenciano de Gasificación de pequeños y medianos municipios

Budget: ESP 1 550 million (EUR 9,32 million)

Aid intensity or amount: Maximum 35 % gross (Castellón Province), 37 % gross (Valencia Province) and 40 % gross (Alicante Province)

Duration: 2000-2006

Other information: Annual report

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Date of adoption of the decision: 13.3.2001

Member State: Germany (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern)

Aid No: N 653/2000

Title: Real estate sale of city of Rostock to Sixt

Objective: Regional development

Legal basis: 28. Rahmenplan der Gemeinschaftsaufgabe

Budget: DEM 4 441 508 (EUR 2 270 906,9)

Aid intensity or amount: 30,13 % gross

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Date of adoption of the decision: 6.11.2001

Member State: Italy (Friuli-Venezia Giulia)

Aid No: N 746/A/2000

Title: Aid for SMEs granted through Friulia Lis SpA

Objective: Investment aid

Legal basis: Legge regionale 11 settembre 2000, n. 18; articolo 6, commi 2-6

Budget: ITL 7 billion (approximately EUR 3,6 million) during the period 2000-2006

Aid intensity or amount: 7,24 % gge for buildings; 5,11 % gge for plant and machinery

Duration: 2000-2006

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Date of adoption of the decision: 17.10.2001

Member State: Luxembourg

Aid No: N 842/2000

Title: Ecological premium to promote production of electricity using wind, hydraulic, solar and biomass energy

Objective: Promotion of renewable energy sources

Legal basis: Projet de règlement grand-ducal instituant une prime d'encouragement écologique pour l'électricité produite à partir de l'énergie éolienne, hydraulique, solaire et de la biomasse

Budget: Approximately EUR 500 000 per year

Aid intensity or amount: Between EUR 450 and EUR 550 per MWh for photovoltaic energy; EUR 25 per MWh for other renewable energy sources

Duration: Four years

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Date of adoption of the decision: 13.11.2001

Member State: Finland (Åland Islands)

Aid No: NN 134/01

Title: Training aid in Åland Islands

Objective: Encourage employees to improve their competence and companies to invest in training of their staff

Legal basis: Landskapslagen om lån, räntestöd och understöd ur Landskapets medel samt landskapsgaranti (ÅFS 50/88)

Budget: FIM 1 242 700 (EUR 209 007)

Aid intensity or amount:

— For large enterprises: in Mariehamn 25 % for specific training and 50 % for general training; in the areas falling within Article 87(3)(c) 30 % for specific training and 55 % for general training

— For small and medium-sized enterprises: in Mariehamn 35 % for specific training and 70 % for general training, in the areas falling within Article 87(3)(c) 40 % for specific training and 75 % for general training

— For training of disadvantaged workers the intensity is increased by 10 percentage points

Duration: 2000-2006

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Date of adoption of the decision: 5.12.2001

Member State: Germany (Bayern)

Aid No: N 111/01

Title: Aid to umbrella organisations for sales promotion measures

Objective: Enable undertakings (SMEs) in the food industry to participate in trade and consumer fairs in both Germany and other countries

Legal basis: Gesetz über die Festsetzung des Haushaltsplanes des Freistaates Bayern/Hinweise zur Abwicklung der Beihilfen an Dachorganisationen

Budget: DEM 1,1 million (EUR 562 421)

Aid intensity or amount: Up to a maximum of 50 %

Duration: Indefinite

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Date of adoption of the decision: 5.12.2001

Member State: Germany (Baden-Württemberg)

Aid No: N 444/01

Title: Aid towards the payment of hail insurance premiums in fruit culture