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⁽¹⁾ Text with EEA relevance

II

(Information)

INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

COMMISSION

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)**

(2009/C 232/01)

Date of adoption of the decision	10.9.2009
Reference number of State Aid	N 412/09
Member State	Germany
Region	Länder Niedersachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	NORD/LB
Legal basis	Gesetz über die Feststellung des Haushaltsplans für das Haushaltsjahr 2009 für Niedersachsen; Gesetz zur Garantieermächtigung des Ministeriums der Finanzen zugunsten der Norddeutschen Landesbank- Girozentrale für Sachsen-Anhalt
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	—
Form of aid	—
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 10 000 million
Intensity	—
Duration (period)	15.8.2009-15.2.2010
Economic sectors	—
Name and address of the granting authority	Länder Niedersachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt
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

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)

(2009/C 232/02)

Date of adoption of the decision	13.7.2009
Reference number of State Aid	N 316/08
Member State	Hungary
Region	Közép-Magyarország kivételével valamennyi régió
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Közlekedési módok összekapcsolása, gazdasági központok intermodalitásának és közlekedési infrastruktúrájának fejlesztése
Legal basis	10/2008. (VIII. 1.) NFGM rendelet a Közlekedési Operatív Program 4. prioritásának első konstrukciójára vonatkozó részletes szabályokról
Type of measure	Non-refundable aid
Objective	Extension, modernisation, upgrading of the existing transport infrastructure and the strengthening of the intermodality thereof
Form of aid	Direct grant
Budget	HUF 16 900 million (EUR 59,9 million)
Intensity	50 % and 85 %
Duration (period)	2009-2013
Economic sectors	Transport infrastructure
Name and address of the granting authority	Nemzeti Fejlesztési Ügynökség Budapest Wesselényi u. 20–22. 1077 MAGYARORSZÁG/HUNGARY
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	3.7.2009
Reference number of State Aid	N 67/09
Member State	Finland
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Muutokset Suomessa voimassa olevaan merirahti liikenteen tukiohjelmiaan
Legal basis	Laki meriliikenteessä käytettävien alusten kilpailukyvyyn parantamisesta (1277/2007) ja laki meriliikenteessä käytettävien alusten kilpailukyvyyn parantamisesta annetun lain muuttamisesta (967/2008)

Type of measure	—
Objective	Preserve competitiveness of the fleet and promote the maritime shipping 'cluster' (employment of EC seafarers, preservation of maritime know-how in the EC and development of maritime skills and the improvement of safety) ⁽¹⁾
Form of aid	—
Budget	EUR 700 000 per year (estimated impact of the notified measure)
Intensity	100 % (reduction of applicable tax to zero)
Duration (period)	Until 31 December 2011
Economic sectors	—
Name and address of the granting authority	Merenkulkulaitos Merenkulkulaitoksen Keskushallinto PL 171 FI-00181 Helsinki SUOMI/FINLAND Porkkalankatu 5 FI-00180 Helsinki SUOMI/FINLAND
Other information	—

⁽¹⁾ The existing shipping aid scheme was approved by the Commission in 2006 (State Aid No N 408/05, Decision of 16 May 2006, published in OJ C 276, 14.11.2006, p. 14).

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	3.7.2009
Reference number of State Aid	N 120/09
Member State	Finland
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Muutokset Suomessa voimassa olevaan meriliikenteen tukiohjelmaan
Legal basis	Laki meriliikenteessä käytettävien alusten kilpailukyyn parantamisesta (1277/2007) ja laki meriliikenteessä käytettävien alusten kilpailukyyn parantamisesta annetun lain muuttamisesta (967/2008)
Type of measure	—
Objective	The Finnish government intends through the present modifications to respond to the need for further development of the maritime sector, preserve competitiveness of the fleet and promote the maritime shipping 'cluster' (employment of EC seafarers, preservation of maritime know-how in the EC and development of maritime skills and the improvement of safety) ⁽²⁾
Form of aid	—
Budget	EUR 200 000 per year (estimated impact of the notified measure)
Intensity	100 % (reduction of applicable income tax to zero)

Duration (period)	Until 31 December 2011
Economic sectors	—
Name and address of the granting authority	Merenkulkulaitos Merenkulkulaitoksen Keskushallinto PL 171 FI-00181 Helsinki SUOMI/FINLAND Porkkalankatu 5 FI-00180 Helsinki SUOMI/FINLAND
Other information	—

(?) See footnote 1.

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

Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case COMP/M.5583 — Partner RE/Paris RE)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2009/C 232/03)

On 21 September 2009, 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 32009M5583. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.
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(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

25 September 2009

(2009/C 232/04)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate
USD US dollar	1,4670	AUD Australian dollar	1,6952
JPY Japanese yen	132,59	CAD Canadian dollar	1,6035
DKK Danish krone	7,4420	HKD Hong Kong dollar	11,3696
GBP Pound sterling	0,91875	NZD New Zealand dollar	2,0462
SEK Swedish krona	10,1538	SGD Singapore dollar	2,0787
CHF Swiss franc	1,5118	KRW South Korean won	1 740,22
ISK Iceland króna		ZAR South African rand	10,9049
NOK Norwegian krone	8,5020	CNY Chinese yuan renminbi	10,0170
BGN Bulgarian lev	1,9558	HRK Croatian kuna	7,2950
CZK Czech koruna	25,180	IDR Indonesian rupiah	14 164,36
EEK Estonian kroon	15,6466	MYR Malaysian ringgit	5,0920
HUF Hungarian forint	270,00	PHP Philippine peso	69,412
LTL Lithuanian litas	3,4528	RUB Russian rouble	44,1365
LVL Latvian lats	0,7069	THB Thai baht	49,284
PLN Polish zloty	4,1960	BRL Brazilian real	2,6382
RON Romanian leu	4,2008	MXN Mexican peso	19,7957
TRY Turkish lira	2,1779	INR Indian rupee	70,3280

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

V

(Announcements)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

COMMISSION

MEDIA 2007 — DEVELOPMENT, DISTRIBUTION, PROMOTION AND TRAINING

Call for proposals — EACEA/20/09

Support for the development of production projects — Animation, creative documentaries and drama — Single Projects, Slate Funding and Slate Funding 2nd stage

(2009/C 232/05)

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 the programme is to promote, by providing financial support, the development of production projects intended for European and international markets presented by independent European production companies in the following categories: animation, creative documentary and drama.

2. Eligible applicants

This notice is aimed at European companies whose activities contribute to the attainment of the above objectives, and in particular to independent production companies.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries:

- the 27 countries of the European Union,
- the EFTA countries, Switzerland and Croatia.

3. Eligible actions

The development activities for the following audiovisual works (one-offs or series) are eligible:

- drama projects intended for commercial exploitation of no less than 50 minutes,
- creative documentaries intended for commercial exploitation of no less than 25 minutes (duration per episode in case of series),
- animation projects intended for commercial exploitation of no less than 24 minutes.

The development and production activities for the following categories of work are ineligible:

- live recordings, TV games, talk shows, reality shows or educational, teaching and 'how-to' programmes,

- documentaries promoting tourism, 'making-of', reports, animal reportages, news programmes and 'docu-soaps',
- projects promoting, directly or indirectly, messages that are at odds with the policies of the European Union. For example, projects that may be contrary to the interests of public health (alcohol, tobacco, drugs), respect for human rights, people's security, freedom of expression etc.,
- projects promoting violence and/or racism and/or with a pornographic content,
- works of a promotional nature,
- institutional productions to promote a specific organisation or its activities.

The call for proposals 20/09 has two deadlines. To be included in the 1st deadline, the application for support must be sent to the Agency between the date of the publication of the call for proposals and 27 November 2009. To be included in the 2nd deadline, the application for support must be sent to the Agency between 28 November 2009 and 12 April 2010, the date of closure of the call for proposals.

The maximum duration of the project is until 30 June 2012 for requests for support submitted within the 1st deadline and until 30 November 2012 for those requests submitted within the 2nd deadline or until the date of entry into production of the project, whichever is the earliest.

4. Award criteria

Points will be allocated out of a total of 100 on the basis of the following weighting:

For Single Project

- criteria relating to the applicant company (40 points):
 - quality of the development strategy (10),
 - consistency of the development budget (10),
 - quality of the financing strategy (10),
 - quality of the distribution strategy (10).
- criteria relating to the submitted project (60 points):
 - quality of the project (40),
 - potential for production and the feasibility of the project (10),
 - potential for European and International distribution (10).

For Slate Funding and Slate Funding 2nd stage

- criteria relating to the applicant company (60 points):
 - capacity of the company to develop and produce at a European level (15 points for Slate Funding — 30 points for Slate Funding 2nd stage),
 - quality of the development strategy and consistency of the development budget (15 points for Slate Funding — 10 points for Slate Funding 2nd stage),

- quality of the financing strategy (15 points for Slate Funding — 10 points for Slate Funding 2nd stage),
- quality of the distribution strategy (15 points for Slate Funding — 10 points for Slate Funding 2nd stage).
- criteria relating to the submitted projects (40 points):
 - quality of the projects (10),
 - potential of the creative team (10),
 - potential for production and the feasibility of the project (10),
 - potential for European and International distribution (10).

5. Budget

The total budget available is EUR 17 million. The financial contribution awarded is a subsidy.

The maximum financial contribution which may be awarded for Single Project is between EUR 10 000 and EUR 60 000 except for feature-length animations for theatrical release, for which the maximum is EUR 80 000. The financial contribution awarded will in no event exceed 50 % of the eligible costs submitted by the producer (60 % for projects presenting an interest in promoting European cultural diversity).

The maximum financial contribution which may be awarded for Slate Funding and Slate Funding 2nd stage is between EUR 70 000 and EUR 190 000. The financial contribution awarded will in no event exceed 50 % of the eligible costs submitted by the producer.

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

6. Deadline for submission of applications

Applications must be submitted to the Executive Agency (EACEA) no later than **27 November 2009 and 12 April 2010** (see point 3) to the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) — MEDIA
Mr. Constantin Daskalakis
BOUR 3/30
Avenue du Bourget 1
1140 Brussels
BELGIUM

Only applications submitted on the official application form, duly signed by the person entitled to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organisation and containing all the information and annexes specified in the full text of the call will be accepted.

Applications sent by fax or email will be rejected.

7. Full details

The full text of the guidelines together with the application forms, can be found at the following Internet address: <http://www.ec.europa.eu/media>

Applications must comply with all the terms of the guidelines and be submitted on the forms provided.

MEDIA 2007 — DEVELOPMENT, DISTRIBUTION, PROMOTION AND TRAINING**Call for proposals — EACEA/21/09****Support for the development of on- and off-line interactive works**

(2009/C 232/06)

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 the programme is to promote, by providing financial support, the development of production projects intended for European and international markets presented by independent European production companies.

2. Eligible applicants

This notice is aimed at European companies whose activities contribute to the attainment of the above objectives, and in particular to independent production companies.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries:

- the 27 countries of the European Union,
- the EFTA countries, Switzerland and Croatia.

3. Eligible actions

The activities for the following interactive works are eligible:

The concept development (up to a first playable application) of digital interactive content complementing an audiovisual project (drama, creative documentary or animation) specifically developed for at least one of the following platforms:

- Internet,
- PC,
- console,
- handheld device,
- interactive television.

This digital content must present:

- substantial interactivity with a narrative component,
- originality, creativity and innovation against existing works,
- European commercial potential.

Only the following types of audiovisual project intended for commercial exploitation can be complemented by the submitted interactive work:

- a drama of at least 50 minutes (the total length of the series in the case of a series),
- a creative documentary of at least 25 minutes (length per episode in the case of a series),
- an animation of at least 24 minutes (the total length of the series in the case of a series).

The following activities are ineligible:

The development and production activities for the following categories of work are ineligible:

- reference works (encyclopaedias, atlases, catalogues, databases...),
- 'how-to' works (education programmes, manuals...),
- tools and software services,
- information services or purely transactional,
- information programs and magazines,
- projects promoting tourism,
- multimedia art projects,
- projects promoting, directly or indirectly, messages that are at odds with the policies of the European Union. For example, projects that may be contrary to the interests of public health (alcohol, tobacco, drugs), respect for human rights, people's security, freedom of expression, etc. are prohibited,
- projects promoting violence and/or racism and/or with a pornographic content,
- works of a promotional nature (in particular branded content),
- institutional productions to promote a specific organisation or its activities.

The call for proposals 21/09 has two deadlines. To be included in the 1st deadline, the application for support must be sent to the Agency between the date of the publication of the call for proposals and 27 November 2009. To be included in the 2nd deadline, the application for support must be sent to the Agency between 28 November 2009 and 12 April 2010, the date of closure of the call for proposals.

The maximum duration of the project is until 30 June 2012 for requests for support submitted within the 1st deadline and until 30 November 2012 for those requests submitted within the 2nd deadline or until the date of entry into production of the project, whichever is the earliest.

4. Award criteria

Points will be allocated out of a total of 100 on the basis of the following weighting:

- criteria relating to the applicant company (40 points):
 - quality of the development strategy (10),
 - consistency of the development budget (10),
 - capacity of the company to realise the project (10),
 - quality of the financing strategy (10).
- criteria relating to the submitted project (60 points):
 - quality of the content and originality of the concept against existing works (20),
 - innovation, appropriateness of the techniques used in the work and quality of interactivity (20),
 - potential for European exploitation and suitability for the target audience (20).

5. Budget

The total budget available is EUR 2 million. The financial contribution awarded is a subsidy.

The maximum financial contribution which may be awarded is between EUR 10 000 and EUR 150 000.

The financial contribution awarded will in no event exceed 50 % of the eligible costs submitted by the producer (60 % for projects presenting an interest in promoting European cultural diversity).

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

6. Deadline for submission of applications

Applications must be submitted to the Executive Agency (EACEA) no later than **27 November 2009 and 12 April 2010** (see point 3) to the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) — MEDIA
Mr. Constantin Daskalakis
BOUR 3/30
Avenue du Bourget 1
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Only applications submitted on the official application form, duly signed by the person entitled to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organisation and containing all the information and annexes specified in the full text of the call will be accepted.

Applications sent by fax or email will be rejected.

7. Full details

The full text of the guidelines together with the application forms, can be found at the following Internet address: <http://ec.europa.eu/media>

Applications must comply with all the terms of the guidelines and be submitted on the forms provided.

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITION
POLICY

COMMISSION

DECISION No 579

of 2 July 2009

on the opening of a procedure for granting of authorisation for prospecting and exploration of oil and gas — underground natural resources in accordance with Article 2(1)(3) of the Underground Natural Resources Act, at Block 1-11 Vranino, located in the province of Dobrich, and notification concerning the envisaged competition for granting of authorisation

(2009/C 232/07)

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Pursuant to Article 5(2), Article 42(1)(1) and Article 44(3) of the Underground Natural Resources Act, and having regard to Article 4(2)(16) and (1)(24a) of the Energy Act,

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS DECIDED:

1. to open a procedure for granting authorisation for prospecting and exploration of crude oil and natural gas at Block 1-11 Vranino, with a surface area of 397,42 km² and with coordinates 1 to 5, as described in the Annex to this Decision;
2. to announce that the granting of authorisation pursuant to point 1 will be based on a competition;
3. to specify that the period covered by the authorisation for prospecting and exploration will be five years after the date of the entry into force of the prospecting and exploration contract, with a right to extension of this period pursuant to Article 31(3) of the Underground Natural Resources Act;
4. the competition for granting of authorisation pursuant to point 1 will take place on the 150th day after the date of publication of this Decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, at the building of the Ministry of Economy and Energy, Triaditza Street No 8, Sofia;
5. the deadline for purchasing the competition dossier is 17.00 on the 120th day after the date of publication of this Decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
6. the deadline for submission of applications for participation in the competition is 17.00 on the 130th day after the date of publication of this Decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
7. the deadline for the submission of bids in accordance with the competition dossier is 17.00 on the 144th day after the date of publication of this Decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
8. the competition will not require personal presence;
9. The price of the competition dossier is set at BGN 2 500 (2 500 Bulgarian leva). The competition dossier can be purchased from room No 802 at the Ministry of Economy and Energy, Triaditza Street No 8, Sofia, during the period laid down in point 5;

10. applicants for participation in the competition must comply with the requirements specified in Article 23(1) of the Underground Natural Resources Act;
11. the applicants' proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the proposed work programmes, resources devoted to environmental protection and training, bonuses, and their managerial and financial capacities, as specified in the competition dossier;
12. the deposit for participation in the competition is set at BGN 50 000 (50 000 Bulgarian leva) and should be paid before the deadline specified in point 6 to the bank account of the Ministry of Economy and Energy, as stated in the competition dossier;
13. in the case of non-admission of an applicant to the competition, the deposit shall be reimbursed within a period of 14 days after the date on which the applicant is notified of non-admission;
14. the deposit of the winning bidder will be retained and the deposits of all other participants will be reimbursed within a period of 14 days after the publication of the Decision of the Council of Ministers for granting of authorisation for prospecting and exploration in the *State Gazette*;
15. the application for participation in the competition and the applicants' proposals in accordance with the competition dossier should be submitted at the building of the Ministry of Economy and Energy, Triaditza Street No 8, in accordance with the requirements of Article 46 of the Underground Natural Resources Act;
16. bids should comply with the requirements and conditions stated in the competition dossier;
17. the competition can take place even if only one applicant is admitted to participate;
18. the Minister for Economy and Energy is authorised as follows:
 - 18.1. to send this Decision for publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* and in the *State Gazette*, and also on the website of the Council of Ministers;
 - 18.2. to organise the conduct of the competition;
19. Appeals against this Decision can be addressed to the Supreme Administrative Court within 14 days after its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Prime Minister
Sergei STANISHEV

Principal Secretary of the Council of Ministers
Vesselin DAKOV

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Director of the Cabinet Office
Vesselin DAKOV

ANNEX

LIST OF COORDINATES

1. Geographical coordinates (coordinate system: 1950): of Block 1-11 Vranino:

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| 1. | 43° 39' 42,190" N | 28° 14' 59,825" E |
| 2. | 43° 36' 49,199" N | 28° 30' 00,834" E |
| 3. | 43° 25' 54,191" N | 28° 23' 09,845" E |
| 4. | 43° 29' 46,184" N | 28° 11' 05,835" E |
| 5. | 43° 39' 42,190" N | 28° 14' 59,825" E |
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DECISION No 580**of 2 July 2009**

on the opening of a procedure for granting authorisation for prospecting and exploration of oil and gas — underground natural resources in accordance with Article 2(1)(3) of the Underground Natural Resources Act, at Block 1-17 Ovcha Mogila, located in the provinces of Pleven and Veliko Tarnovo, and notification concerning the envisaged competition for granting of authorisation

(2009/C 232/08)

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Pursuant to Article 5, Section 2, Article 42, paragraph 1, Section 1 and Article 44, paragraph 3 of the Underground Natural Resources Act, and having regard to Article 4, paragraph 2, Section 16 and paragraph 1, Section 24a of the Energy Act,

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS DECIDED:

1. To open a procedure for granting authorisation for prospecting and exploration of crude oil and natural gas at Block 1-17 Ovcha Mogila, with a surface area of 260,96 km² and with coordinates 1 to 5, as described in the Annex to this Decision.
2. To announce that the granting of authorisation pursuant to point 1 will be based on a competition.
3. To specify that the period covered by the authorisation for prospecting and exploration will be five years after the date of the entry into force of the prospecting and exploration contract, with a right to extension of this period pursuant to Article 31, paragraph 3 of the Underground Natural Resources Act.
4. The competition for granting of authorisation pursuant to point 1 will take place on the 150th day after the date of publication of this Decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, at the building of the Ministry of Economy and Energy, Triaditza Street No 8, Sofia.
5. The deadline for purchasing the competition dossier is 17.00 on the 120th day after the date of publication of this Decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
6. The deadline for submission of applications for participation in the competition is 17.00 on the 130th day after the date of publication of this Decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
7. The deadline for the submission of bids in accordance with the competition dossier is 17.00 on the 144th day after the date of publication of this Decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
8. The competition will not require personal presence.
9. The price of the competition dossier is set at BGN 500 (500 Bulgarian leva). The competition dossier can be purchased from room No 802 at the Ministry of Economy and Energy, Triaditza Street No 8, Sofia, during the period laid down in point 5.
10. Applicants for participation in the competition must comply with the requirements specified in Article 23, paragraph 1 of the Underground Natural Resources Act.
11. The applicants' proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the proposed work programmes, resources devoted to environmental protection and training, bonuses, and their managerial and financial capacities, as specified in the competition dossier.
12. The deposit for participation in the competition is set at BGN 10 000 (10 000 Bulgarian leva) and should be paid before the deadline specified in point 6 to the bank account of the Ministry of Economy and Energy, as stated in the competition dossier.

13. In the case of non-admission of an applicant to the competition, the deposit shall be reimbursed within a period of 14 days after the date on which the applicant is notified of non-admission.
14. The deposit of the winning bidder will be retained and the deposits of all other participants will be reimbursed within a period of 14 days after the publication of the Decision of the Council of Ministers for granting of authorisation for prospecting and exploration in the *State Gazette*.
15. The application for participation in the competition and the applicants' proposals in accordance with the competition dossier should be submitted at the building of the Ministry of Economy and Energy, Triaditza Street No 8, in accordance with the requirements of Article 46 of the Underground Natural Resources Act.
16. Bids should comply with the requirements and conditions stated in the competition dossier.
17. The competition can take place even if only one applicant is admitted to participate.
18. The Minister for Economy and Energy is authorised as follows:
 - 18.1. to send this Decision for publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* and in the *State Gazette*, and also on the website of the Council of Ministers;
 - 18.2. to organise the conduct of the competition.
19. Appeals against this Decision can be addressed to the Supreme Administrative Court within 14 days after its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Prime Minister
Sergei STANISHEV

Principal Secretary of the Council of Ministers
Vesselin DAKOV

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Director of the Cabinet Office
Vesselin DAKOV

ANNEX

LIST OF COORDINATES

1. Geographical coordinates (coordinate system: 1950): of Block 1-17 Ovcha Mogila:

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| 1. | 43° 31' 53,551" N | 25° 08' 03,624" E |
| 2. | 43° 31' 49,230" N | 25° 28' 10,182" E |
| 3. | 43° 26' 37,261" N | 25° 28' 10,451" E |
| 4. | 43° 26' 41,617" N | 25° 08' 05,618" E |
| 5. | 43° 31' 53,551" N | 25° 08' 03,624" E |
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Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.5608 — Advent/Median Clinics)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2009/C 232/09)

1. On 17 September 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Advent International Corporation ('Advent', USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation control of parts of the Median group of companies (Germany) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Advent: global private equity investment,
- for Median: operation of rehabilitation and acute-care clinics in Germany. The acquisition concerns 26 rehabilitation clinics and one acute-care clinic out of the 32 clinics currently belonging to the Median group of companies.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ 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 or 22967244) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5608 — Advent/Median Clinics, to the following address:

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.5625 — British Land/Blackstone/Broadgate Estate)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2009/C 232/10)

1. On 18 September 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Blackstone Group ('Blackstone', USA) and British Land Company plc ('British Land', UK) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation joint control of the undertakings owning 'The Broadgate Estate' properties in London by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Blackstone: global asset management and provision of financial advisory services,
- for British Land: real estate investment, in particular management, financing and development of commercial real estate,
- for the Broadgate Estate: holding of the legal and the beneficial title to 17 London properties.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ 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.

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.5639 — Alpha V/Investindustrial Funds/Permasteelisa)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2009/C 232/11)

1. On 18 September 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking the undertakings Investindustrial L.P. ('Investindustrial LP', Jersey-Channel Islands), Investindustrial IV L.P. ('Investindustrial IV LP', Jersey-Channel Islands) — together 'Investindustrial Funds' — and Alpha Private Equity Fund V ('Alpha V', Jersey-Channel Islands) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation joint control of the whole of the undertaking Permasteelisa S.p.A. ('Permasteelisa', Italy), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Investindustrial LP, Investindustrial IV LP and Alpha V: private equity funds which acquire and resell companies for the benefit of investors,
- for Permasteelisa: design, production and installation of architectural envelops (curtain walls) for large buildings, internal walls and partitions as well as design and installation of medium- and high-end shops' furnishing.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ 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 or 22967244) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5639 — Alpha V/Investindustrial Funds/Permasteelisa, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.

OTHER ACTS

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

(2009/C 232/12)

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

SINGLE DOCUMENT

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 510/2006**‘CASTAÑA DE GALICIA’****EC No: ES-PGI-0005-0609-21.06.2007****PGI (X) PDO ()****1. Name:**

‘Castaña de Galicia’

2. Member State or third country:

Spain

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 product to which the name in 1 applies:

The Protected Geographical Indication ‘Castaña de Galicia’ is reserved for the nuts obtained from native Galician cultivars of the European chestnut tree (*Castanea sativa*, Mill.) intended for human consumption and sold fresh or frozen.

These cultivars include the whole set of local ecotypes arising from selections made by farmers over centuries in order to improve their productive and quality aspects, and their morphology and genetic specificity have been correctly described and identified compared with those in other production areas in Spain, Portugal and France. The cultivars are regarded as irreplaceable plant genetic resources in terms of safeguarding biological and genetic diversity, and have been described, in line with the legal definition, as ‘conservation varieties’.

The use of traditional chestnut cultivation techniques in Galicia has made it possible to select a uniform set of native cultivars on which the current fame and reputation of the Galician chestnut is based.

The main distinguishing characteristics of the 'Castaña de Galicia' are:

- thin, shiny brown pericarp,
- thin epispem (membrane) which penetrates the seed slightly and is easily removed by peeling,
- sweet taste and firm, non-floury texture,
- moisture content of between 50 % and 60 % in the nut after harvesting,
- the number of nuts per cupule is usually three or less,
- average percentage of carbohydrates is 59,5 % (measured on dry matter), which is higher than in all the other production areas in Spain,
- very low average percentages of splitting (4,5 %) and partitioning (2,1 %). Galician chestnuts have the lowest overall figure for both parameters compared with chestnuts from other Spanish production areas.

Having given the average figures which define Galician chestnuts, below is a list of the characteristics which nuts must have if they are to be protected by the PGI 'Castaña de Galicia' following harvesting:

- minimum moisture content of 50 % and maximum moisture content of 60 %,
- maximum percentage of partitioned nuts: 12 %,
- minimum percentage of carbohydrates: 55 %,
- maximum number of nuts per kilogram not greater than 120 in the case of fresh produce and 200 in the case of frozen produce.

Each container of PGI 'Castaña de Galicia' chestnuts may contain a maximum of 5 % of nuts which do not comply with the above requirements.

The freezing process is intended only to extend the product's conservation period and does not constitute processing in the strict meaning of the term, therefore the fresh and frozen nuts share the same physical, chemical and organoleptic characteristics mentioned above.

3.3. *Raw materials (for processed products only):*

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3.4. *Feed (for products of animal origin only):*

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3.5. *Specific steps in production that must take place in the identified geographical area:*

With the exception of the actual cultivation, there are no specific steps in production that must take place in the identified geographical area.

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

PGI 'Castaña de Galicia' chestnuts are sold in netting, raffia or sacking in the case of fresh chestnuts, and in the case of frozen chestnuts, in packaging designed for food use and authorised by current food legislation. In both cases, the permitted weights are 500 g, 1 kg, 2,5 kg, 5 kg, 10 kg, 15 kg, 20 kg and 25 kg. Other formats may be considered provided that they do not undermine product quality.

3.7. *Specific rules concerning labelling:*

The packaging of chestnuts marketed under the Protected Geographical Indication 'Castaña de Galicia' must bear the commercial label of the producer/packer and the specific label of the PGI with a sequential alphanumeric code, authorised by the inspection body, and the official logo of the Protected Geographical Indication.

Both the commercial label and the specific label of the PGI must bear the words 'Indicación Geográfica Protegida "Castaña de Galicia"'.

The labels for processed products (such as chestnut purée, chestnut paste, chestnuts in syrup, chestnuts in alcohol, marrón glacé, marrón glacé sweets, etc.) may state that PGI 'Castaña de Galicia' chestnuts have been used in their preparation provided that the raw material complies with the requirements laid down in the Product Specification.

4. Concise definition of the geographical area:

The geographical area of the Protected Geographical Indication 'Castaña de Galicia' includes the part of the Autonomous Community of Galicia which is bordered in the west by the Dorsal Gallega and in the north by the Sierra del Xistral.

From the administrative point of view, the production area covers:

- the Province of La Coruña: District of Terra de Melide and the municipalities of Arzúa and Boimorto (District of Arzúa),
- the entire Province of Lugo, with the exception of the municipalities of O Vicedo, Viveiro, Xove and Cervo (District of Mariña Occidental), Burela and Foz (District of Mariña Central) and Barreiros and Ribadeo (District of Mariña Oriental),
- all the municipalities of the Province of Ourense,
- the Province of Pontevedra: Districts of Tabeirós-Terra de Montes and Deza, the municipalities of Cotobade, A Lama and Campo Lameiro (District of Pontevedra) and the municipality of Cuntis (District of Caldas),

The defined production area has optimum rainfall, temperature and soil conditions, altitudes and temperature/rainfall ratios for the cultivation of quality chestnuts.

5. Link with the geographical area:

5.1. Specificity of the geographical area:

The defined geographical area enjoys favourable climatic conditions which ensure the proper cultivation and top quality of Galician chestnuts, such as moderate temperatures during growth and ripening and atmospheric humidity which permits a high moisture content in the nuts, characteristics which guarantee a top-class product.

The specific characteristics of the geographical area of the PGI which are directly related to the parameters considered optimal for chestnuts are described in more detail below:

- rainfall: the production area has high rainfall with total annual precipitation of around 1 000 mm, but there are also dry summer periods which end in September. Both of these factors contribute to the quality of the chestnuts. The areas of Galicia closest to the coast, in which the parameters recommended for cultivation are exceeded, are excluded from this production area,
- temperature: the area has average annual temperatures of 6 °C-14 °C, which are within the limits recommended for chestnuts (3 °C-16 °C), with high summer temperatures which promote nut ripening and development,
- average temperature/rainfall ratios: the eastern half of Galicia has the more favourable average temperature/rainfall ratio for chestnuts, a species which develops better where there is a certain amount of atmospheric humidity, but which must under no circumstances be excessive as this would encourage the development of diseases such as ink disease and chestnut blight,
- altitude: the defined area lies at altitudes to which chestnut trees are best adapted (range of 400-900 m, but not above 1 200 m),
- soils and lithology: the greater part of the area consists of soil on granite and metamorphic rocks (schists and shale), of loamy texture, rich in organic matter with low pH and a low active lime content, which is regarded as the most suitable type of soil for growing chestnuts.

Chestnut-growing is very valuable in environmental terms and is perfectly suited to the soil and climate conditions prevailing in the mountainous and highland areas of the interior of Galicia, where it is the most competitive alternative crop. The way in which land use has developed over time (in favour of fast-growing timber species and crops such as maize and potatoes) has itself turned into a factor which has contributed to the delimitation of the area identified.

5.2. *Specificity of the product:*

In addition to the specificity provided by appropriate soil and climate conditions in the production area, mentioned in the previous point, which result in optimal nut development, the production of Galician chestnuts is based on intensive selection work carried out over centuries by Galician farmers in the *soutos* (plantations consisting of trees of the same or similar age to which the same cultivation techniques are applied). Thus through the use of careful, traditional crop practices, the human factor has acted as a driving force in continuous varietal selection (based on productive and quality characteristics), producing a series of native ecotypes which have resulted in what has today become the high-quality Galician chestnut. This combination of factors is what has endowed this chestnut with the fame and prestige it enjoys today.

In addition to demonstrating the link with the culture and tradition of chestnut-growing in Galicia, the production model consisting of the *soutos*, still in use today, plays the important role of providing a source of plant material for use in new chestnut plantations to which modern cultivation techniques can be applied.

The characteristics which make the quality of Galician chestnuts special compared with chestnuts from other production areas include the following:

- thin epispem, which makes it much easier to peel the nut,
- low percentage of partitioned nuts which, as in the previous point, has enormous influence in terms of making the nut easy to peel,
- high moisture content, a much-appreciated factor both when consuming the nuts fresh and when processing them,
- low percentage of splitting, which significantly reduces discards,
- very high starch content, which gives the chestnuts a sweeter taste following conversion (natural hydrolysis through ripening and hydrolysis induced by thermal processes) into sugars.

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):*

Chestnut trees have been growing wild in Galicia since the Pleistocene; they began to be domesticated and cultivated during the Roman occupation. New impetus was given later, in the Middle Ages, when the clergy and nobility promoted chestnut trees and expanded their cultivation, which was closely tied to vine-growing.

Thus native varieties of high-quality chestnut trees have been selected and propagated since ancient times, with a generally good result as regards mixed timber/nut exploitation. In addition, the historically wide dispersion of the population in Galicia, which occupies practically the entire territory (coastal zones, central plateau, valleys and mountains), has encouraged the selection of many varieties with different environmental capacities, including excellent soil and climate adaptation with low partitioning, an adequate size, low level of splitting, etc.

The fact that the chestnut tree is perfectly adapted to the environmental conditions in the defined area (specific nature of the geographical area) already confers a high level of quality on the product, given the logical relationship between good development of a tree species and the production of quality nuts. Moreover, the moderate temperatures during growth and ripening of the chestnuts and the high atmospheric humidity of the production area give the nuts a high moisture content, which is appreciated both when the chestnuts are consumed fresh and when they are used as a raw material in processing.

The management techniques used in the *soutos* have traditionally constituted the basic production model for Galician chestnuts. As a result of this productive environment, chestnut trees have been gradually selected and domesticated by growers, based on productivity and quality, giving rise to the set of local ecotypes responsible for the native cultivars currently grown, on which the quality, reputation and fame of Galician chestnuts are based.

The prestige of Galician chestnuts is reflected in the good position they occupy on the market: it is usual to see chestnuts for sale on the Spanish market which come from elsewhere but are labelled as Galician, which is proof of their reputation. The following are just some of the bibliographical references on which the historic reputation of the Galician chestnut is founded:

- the numerous documents kept in Galician monasteries referring to the importance of chestnuts in Galicia in the Middle Ages. These documents are referred to in various books including 'El priorato benedictino de San Vicenzo de Pombeiro y su colección diplomática en la Edad Media' (the Benedictine priory of San Vicenzo de Pombeiro and its diplomatic collection from the Middle Ages) and 'El monasterio de S. Clodio do Ribeiro en la Edad Media: Estudio y Documentos' (the monastery of S. Clodio do Ribeiro in the Middle Ages: research and documents) by M. Lucas Álvarez and P. Lucas Domínguez, and the 'Colección Diplomática do mosteiro cisterciense de Sta. María de Oseira' (diplomatic collection of the Cistercian monastery of St Maria de Oseira) by M. Romani Martínez,
- the mention by Alexandre Dumas in his novel 'From Paris to Cadiz', written in 1847, of the quality of Galician chestnuts,
- the fact that chestnut groves are regarded as one of the most important elements in the Galician agricultural landscape, referred to by Abel Bouhier in his book 'La Galice. Essai géographique d'analyse et d'interprétation d'un vieux complexe agraire',
- the many references to the *fiesta del magosto* (a popular feast to celebrate the chestnut, held in many parts of Galicia) such as, for instance, the mention of it by Manuel Murguía in his book 'Historia de Galicia' (History of Galicia — 1865),
- the fact that Galician chestnuts are used in recipes such as those collected by Manuel Puga y Parga (1874-1917) in his book 'La Cocina Práctica' (Practical cooking — 1905), and the many dishes described by Álvaro Cunqueiro in 'La Cocina Gallega' (Galician cooking — 1973).

Further indirect evidence of the widespread, prestige and reputation of Galician chestnuts can be found by examining the frequency of references on the Internet to Galician chestnuts compared with those from other places. A search on Google on 20 November 2008 for 'castaña/s gallega/s' (Galician chestnuts) and its equivalent in Galician (castaña/s galega/s) produced a total of 5 600 results, while a search for 'castaña/s española/s' (Spanish chestnuts) resulted in fewer than 200 hits. Not even twenty hits were obtained for chestnuts from other places (Asturias, Andalusia and Extremadura).

Reference to publication of the specification:

Order of 3 November 2006 adopting a favourable decision on the application to register the protected geographical indication 'Castaña de Galicia'.

Galician Official Journal No 219 of 14 November 2006.

<http://dxosi.xunta.es:90/Doc/Dog2006.nsf/FichaContenido/234BE?OpenDocument>

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

(2009/C 232/13)

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

SUMMARY

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 510/2006

‘ΕΞΑΙΡΕΤΙΚΟ ΠΑΡΘΕΝΟ ΕΛΑΙΟΛΑΔΟ ΣΕΛΙΝΟ ΚΡΗΤΗΣ’ (EXERETIKO PARTHENO ELEOLADO SELINO KRITIS)

EC No: EL-PDO-0005-0515-20.12.2005

PDO (X) PGI ()

This summary sets out the main elements of the product specification for information purposes.

1. Responsible department in the Member State:

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2. Group:

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Composition: Producers/processors (X) Others: ()

3. Type of product:

Class: 1.5.: Oils and fats

4. Specification:

(summary of requirements under Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006)

4.1. Name:

‘Εξαιρετικό Παρθένο Ελαιόλαδο Σέλινο Κρήτης’ (Exeretiko Partheno Eleolado Selino Kritis)

4.2. Description:

Extra virgin olive oil, dark green to green in colour, with a median for defects equal to zero, a fruity, slightly bitter and piquant taste and a fruity olive aroma with a minimum median for fruitiness of 3,2. Maximum acidity of 0,7 % (percentage by weight of oleic acid) and a maximum peroxide number of 15 (meq active oxygen/kg). Extinction coefficients K270 and K232 and the extinction coefficient variation have maximum values of 0,15, 2,5 and 0,00 respectively.

The olive oil is produced from olives of the ‘tsounati’ variety, in a proportion of at least 60 %, and from olives of the ‘koroneiki’ variety up to a maximum of 40 %.

The physico-chemical and organoleptic characteristics of Exeretiko Partheno Eleolado Selino Kritis are due mainly to the specific climatic (high level of sunshine, high rainfall, low relative humidity) and geomorphological (sloping terrain with significant variations in altitude) conditions in the area, and to the exploitation of the comparative advantages conferred by the properties of the tsounati and koroneiki varieties grown in the various altitude zones of the defined geographical area.

4.3. *Geographical area:*

The olives and the olive oil are produced within the defined geographical area. The geographical area is the Province of Selinos, which is located in the southwest part of the Prefecture of Hania. It covers the administrative districts of the municipalities of Kandanos, Pelekanos and Anatolikos Selinos. The area is mainly mountainous, exceeding 1 000 metres. It is covered in olive trees, which constitute the main crop of the rural families of the Province of Prefecture.

4.4. *Proof of origin:*

The traceability of the product is guaranteed at each stage of the production process, from olive growing to the pressing, storage, transport and standardisation of the product right up to when it reaches the final consumer.

Every person involved retains the data relating to the production and standardisation processes so that the competent supervisory body (currently the OPEGEP) may check that all the procedures have been complied with in order to ensure the traceability of the product.

4.5. *Method of production:*

The cultivation of the tsounati and koroneiki varieties is extensive and is carried out using very few inputs (fertilisers, irrigation, plant-protection products). The koroneiki variety is cultivated on land of a maximum altitude of 500 metres while the tsounati variety is found at higher altitudes. Where the terrain is only slightly inclined, the soil is tilled using mostly mechanical means. Given that most of the soil in the area is neutral to acid, sulphur fertilisers are not used but occasional liming is carried out. The olive trees react well to an annual input of nitrogen whereas reaction to potassic fertilisers is small but positive. There are very few irrigated olive groves in the area. The main enemy of olive cultivation is the olive fly (*Bactrocera oleae*), which is combated by the Rural Development Directorate of the Prefecture of Hania by means of preventive bait spraying on the ground. The olive fly population is monitored using suitable traps. In the context of the fight against olive knot, the wounds are sprayed preventively and disinfected with suitable preparations, in particular for the koroneiki variety. Although the tsounati variety is sensitive to the *Cycloconium oleaginum* fungus, it is not considered necessary to take any measures since, due to the geomorphology of the area, there is good ventilation and relative air humidity is maintained at levels which are insufficient to enable the disease to develop.

The harvesting of the koroneiki variety starts at the beginning of November and ends in December, whereas the tsounati variety ripens in stages and harvesting starts at the end of December-beginning of January, is suspended during the cold season and starts again at the end of February, ending in April. However, the bulk of the tsounati variety which is used for Selinos extra virgin olive oil is harvested by the end of January, and therefore the olive oil produced meets the required quality specifications. The criteria used for determining the degree of ripeness of the fruit are when the colour of the skin has fully changed from greenyellow to dark purple and at least half the flesh is a dark violet colour. The olives are harvested using thrashing devices and are also gathered off the ground once they have fallen spontaneously onto catching nets.

The olives are transported mainly in sacks made of light material or in plastic containers. They are stored in special areas under controlled conditions so as to preserve their specific qualities. Given that the olives should be processed not later than 24 hours after they have been harvested, transport and storage time should be as short as possible and together should not exceed 24 hours.

The olive oil is extracted by mechanical means at a temperature not exceeding 25 °C at the olive mills in the area which have been approved by the competent supervisory authority. The olive oil made primarily from the koroneiki variety but also from the tsounaki variety is stored appropriately for one to three months until it is mixed in drums. During storage, the solid particles and dregs which have settled are eliminated by decanting the olive oil into a clean drum in such a way as to limit its exposure to oxygen and reduce to a minimum the amount of air with which it comes into contact.

4.6. *Link:*

Historical

In the Kantanos basin there are monumental olive trees called 'dekaoktouses' which are over 1 500 years old, with trunks of a girth of up to 12,3 metres; 'mantinades' (Cretan folk songs) also confirm that Selinos is an oliveproducing area.

Natural

As regards its terrain, the defined geographical area is made up mainly of schistose soil, although there is also calcareous soil in smaller quantities. The region is mostly mountainous, above 400 metres, with mainly sloping terrain except for the Kantanos basin which, morphologically, is a plateau. Characteristic features of the area are its high rainfall, low relative humidity and small number of cloudy days.

The terrain, with its sloping land that ends in a plain, giving the olive groves the best possible exposure to light, contributes to increasing the concentration of alkaloids which give the final product its fruity quality. Moreover, the low organic content of the soil increases the aromatic components of the olive oil produced. The slightly bitter and piquant taste is attributed to the small addition of the koroneiki variety to the final product and is due to the phenolic substances contained in the olives at harvest time. The dark green colour is due to the increased concentration of chlorophyll, mainly pheophytin and pirophophytin.

The climatic conditions in the region (humidity, temperature) enable the characteristics of the tsounati variety, which can be considered to be in its natural habitat, to develop to the full. The lateness of the variety, which translates into late flowering and late fruit setting and therefore late maturing, is influenced by temperature and the relative humidity of the air and soil which are optimum at the crucial periods. Also, the tsounati variety's resistance to cold means that it can be cultivated widely across the area. The koroneiki variety is best cultivated at lower altitudes and in soil which is sufficiently humid, thus utilising the specific terrain of the defined geographical area in the best possible way.

The cultivation of the tsounati and koroneiki varieties, and by extension the production of Selinos extra virgin olive oil, is the only way forward for the defined geographical area since the predominance of poor, and to a large extent acid, schistose soil makes it difficult switch to a different crop or a different variety or to adopt intensive cultivation methods which are more productive. Moreover, the natural beauty of the landscape is preserved since the rich surface root system of the tsounati variety in particular prevents surface runoff and erosion of the particularly fragile schistose sloping terrain.

4.7. *Inspection body:*

In accordance with national legislation, the inspection and application of measures concerning protected designation of origin olive oil is currently carried out by the bodies set out below.

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