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II

*(Information)*INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES
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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)**

(2010/C 283/01)

Date of adoption of the decision	5.8.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 47/10 — N 200/09
Member State	Lithuania
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Lithuanian bank support scheme
Legal basis	LR vyriausybės nutarimas dėl valstybės garantijų bankų stabilumui didinti teikimo, administravimo ir šių garantijų vykdymo taisyklių, pasitikėtinių (subordinuotų) paskolų bankams teikimo ir šių paskolų priežiūros taisyklių ir bankų turto išpirkimo taisyklių patvirtinimo
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy
Form of aid	Asset relief, Recapitalisation and Guarantee
Budget	Overall budget: LTL 6 000 million
Intensity	—
Duration (period)	5.8.2010-31.12.2010
Economic sectors	Financial intermediation
Name and address of the granting authority	Lietuvos Respublikos Finansų ministerija
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	6.8.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 235a/10
Member State	Poland
Region	Regiony wymienione w Rozporządzeniu Prezesa Rady Ministrów z dnia 28 maja 2010 r. zmieniającym rozporządzenie w sprawie gmin i miejscowości, w których stosuje się szczególne zasady odbudowy, remontów i rozbiórek obiektów budowlanych zniszczonych lub uszkodzonych w wyniku działania żywiołu (Dz. U. nr 92, poz. 597)
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Program pomocy dotyczący rekompensaty za szkody spowodowane przez powódzie w Polsce w maju i czerwcu 2010 r. (poza zakresem załącznika I do Traktatu oraz część sektora leśnego nieobjęta Wytocznymi Wspólnoty w sprawie pomocy państwa w sektorze rolnym i leśnym w latach 2007–2013)
Legal basis	Projekt ustawy o szczególnych rozwiązaniach związanych z usuwaniem skutków powodzi z maja i czerwca 2010 r.
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Compensation for damage caused by natural disasters or exceptional occurrences
Form of aid	Direct grant, Interest subsidy, Soft loan
Budget	Overall budget: PLN 500 million
Intensity	100 %
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2012
Economic sectors	All sectors
Name and address of the granting authority	— Fundusz Gwarantowanych Świadczeń Pracowniczych — Fundusz Pracy — Państwowy Fundusz Rehabilitacji Osób Niepełnosprawnych — Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych — kierownik urzędu skarbowego, kierownik urzędu celnego, burmistrz lub prezydent miasta
Other information	—

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

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

Date of adoption of the decision	10.9.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 333/10
Member State	Bulgaria
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Limited amounts of aid for consultancy services under Temporary Framework

Legal basis	Постановление № 121 на Министерския съвет от 31.5.2007 г. за определяне на реда за предоставяне на безвъзмездна финансова помощ по оперативните програми, съфинансирани от Структурните фондове и Кохезионния фонд на Европейския съюз, Оперативна програма „Развитие на конкурентоспособността на българската икономика“ 2007—2013, Насоки за кандидатстване по открита процедура за конкурентен подбор на проекти с определен срок за кандидатстване: BG161PO003-2.1.09 „Предоставяне на консултантски услуги на предприятията в затруднение“
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy
Form of aid	Direct grant
Budget	Overall budget: BGN 1,95583 million
Intensity	—
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2010
Economic sectors	Manufacturing industry, Computer and related activities, Media
Name and address of the granting authority	Министерство на икономиката, енергетиката и туризма ул. „Славянска“ № 8 гр. София/Sofia БЪЛГАРИЯ/BULGARIA
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	9.9.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 359/10
Member State	Germany
Region	Saxony
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Regelung Hochwasserhilfe 2010 Sachsen
Legal basis	Haushaltsordnung des Freistaates Sachsen; Verwaltungsvorschriften des Sächsischen Staatsministeriums der Finanzen zur Sächsischen Haushaltsordnung
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Compensation for damage caused by natural disasters or exceptional occurrences
Form of aid	Direct grant, Soft loan
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 250 million
Intensity	100 %
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2011
Economic sectors	All sectors

Name and address of the granting authority	Sächsische Aufbaubank Pirnaische Straße 9 01069 Dresden 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/community_law/state_aids/state_aids_texts_en.htm

Date of adoption of the decision	4.10.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 364/10
Member State	Poland
Region	Regiony wymienione w Rozporządzeniu Prezesa Rady Ministrów z dnia 10 sierpnia 2010 r. zmieniającym rozporządzenie w sprawie gmin i miejscowości, w których stosuje się szczególne zasady odbudowy, remontów i rozbiórek obiektów budowlanych zniszczonych lub uszkodzonych w wyniku działania żywiołu (Dz. U. nr 144, poz. 969)
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Aid scheme for compensation for damage caused by the floods in Poland
Legal basis	Ustawy o szczególnych rozwiązaniach związanych z usuwaniem skutków powodzi z maja i czerwca 2010 r. Projekt ustawy o zmianie ustawy o szczególnych rozwiązaniach związanych z usuwaniem skutków powodzi z maja i czerwca 2010 r. oraz ustawy o wspieraniu rozwoju obszarów wiejskich z udziałem Europejskiego Funduszu Rolnego na rzecz Rozwoju Obszarów Wiejskich
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Compensation for damage caused by natural disasters or exceptional occurrences
Form of aid	Direct grant, Interest subsidy, Soft loan
Budget	Overall budget: PLN 500 million
Intensity	100 %
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2012
Economic sectors	All sectors
Name and address of the granting authority	— Fundusz Gwarantowanych Świadczeń Pracowniczych — Fundusz Pracy — Państwowy Fundusz Rehabilitacji Osób Niepełnosprawnych — Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych — kierownik urzędu skarbowego, kierownik urzędu celnego, burmistrz lub prezydent miasta
Other information	—

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

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2010/C 283/02)

Date of adoption of the decision	15.9.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 123/10
Member State	Austria
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Ausweitung des Anwendungsbereiches der Barwertberechnungsmethode der AWS GmbH für Haftungen um die Segmente „Technologie- und innovationsorientierte Unternehmen“ sowie „Projektfinanzierungen“
Legal basis	—
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Regional development, Small and medium-sized enterprises
Form of aid	Guarantee
Budget	—
Intensity	—
Duration (period)	until 31.12.2013
Economic sectors	All sectors
Name and address of the granting authority	Austria Wirtschaftsservice Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung Ungargasse 37 1030 Wien ÖSTERREICH
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	29.7.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 173/10
Member State	Romania
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Amendment to the framework scheme 'Temporary aid scheme for granting aid in form of guarantees' (N 286/09)
Legal basis	General terms and conditions for a State aid guarantee scheme designed to support access to finance in the current economic and financial crisis
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy

Form of aid	Guarantee
Budget	Overall budget: RON 20,34 million
Intensity	—
Duration (period)	until 31.12.2010
Economic sectors	All sectors
Name and address of the granting authority	Exim Bank Romania Str. Independenței nr. 15, sectorul 5 050092 București ROMÂNIA
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	23.7.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 314/10
Member State	Portugal
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Prorrogação do regime de recapitalização pública das instituições de crédito em Portugal
Legal basis	Lei n.º 63-A/2008, de 24 de Novembro, Portaria n.º 493-A/2009, de 8 de Maio, Lei do Orçamento do Estado para 2010
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy
Form of aid	Other forms of equity intervention
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 3 000 million
Intensity	—
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2010
Economic sectors	Financial intermediation
Name and address of the granting authority	Ministério das Finanças e da Administração Pública Av. Infante D. Henrique 1 1149-009 Lisboa PORTUGAL
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	23.7.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 315/10
Member State	Portugal
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Prorrogação do regime de garantias a favor das instituições de crédito em Portugal
Legal basis	Lei n.º 60-A/2008 de 20 de Outubro e Lei do Orçamento do Estado para 2010
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy
Form of aid	Guarantee
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 9 146,2 million
Intensity	—
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2010
Economic sectors	Financial intermediation
Name and address of the granting authority	Ministério das Finanças e da Administração Pública Av. Infante D. Henrique 1 1149-009 Lisboa PORTUGAL
Other information	—

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

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Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.5965 — Brookfield/Prime)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2010/C 283/03)

On 14 October 2010, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English language 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 32010M5965. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.
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IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

DECISION OF THE BUREAU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 5 July and 18 October 2010

amending the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament

(2010/C 283/04)

THE BUREAU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 223(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Statute for Members of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Rules 8 and 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

(1) It is necessary to clarify how Members may use certain of their allowances, such as the parliamentary assistance and the general expenditure allowances. In particular, Members should receive information on what expenses may be defrayed from which allowances.

(2) Members may use service providers to obtain specific and clearly identified services directly linked to the exercise of their parliamentary mandate. It is necessary to maintain the general rule that such services should not include the provision of staff. However, it should be possible for Members to have recourse to temporary staff — for example, to replace an assistant on short-term sick leave — provided by a temporary work agency.

(3) For the sake of transparency, the names of Members' accredited assistants and of the local assistants who have an employment contract with Members should be published on the European Parliament's website, together with the name of the Member whom they assist. It should nonetheless be possible for such persons to request, on the ground of protection of their personal safety, that their name not be published.

(4) Members' paying agents in the Member State of election are generally not in a position to act as paying agents for trainees based in Brussels and Strasbourg. It should therefore be made possible for Parliament to assume this responsibility. Furthermore, it is appropriate to remove the possibility for national parliaments to act as paying agents for Members, since this option has not been taken up. These changes should apply from 14 July 2009, as should a series of technical amendments to the provisions relating to paying agents, the application for defrayal of parliamentary assistance expenses and the obligations in connection with an employment contract.

(5) The Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾ 'the Implementing Measures' lay down a complaints procedure for Members who take the view that the Implementing Measures have been incorrectly applied to them. It is necessary to clarify the procedure, in particular by laying down a time limit and by ensuring that the final decision lies with the body responsible, namely the Bureau,

⁽¹⁾ Decision 2005/684/EC, Euratom of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Decision of the Bureau of the European Parliament of 19 May and 9 July 2008 concerning implementing measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (OJ C 159, 13.7.2009, p. 1).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Implementing Measures are amended as follows:

1. Article 25 is replaced by the following:

'Article 25

Entitlement to the allowance

Members shall be entitled to a general expenditure allowance in the form of a lump sum to cover expenses which arise in the course of their parliamentary activities. Members shall not be entitled to use the general expenditure allowance for activities which are covered by other allowances under these Implementing Measures or other Parliament rules, except where they have exhausted the amounts provided by way of those allowances.;

2. Article 28 is replaced by the following:

'Article 28

Expenses covered

1. The general expenditure allowance is intended to cover expenses such as:

- office running and office maintenance costs,
- office supplies and documentation,
- office equipment costs,
- representational activities,
- administrative costs.

2. The Bureau shall adopt a non-exhaustive list of the expenses which may be defrayed from the general expenditure allowance.;

3. Article 34 is replaced by the following:

'Article 34

General principles

1. Members shall make use of:

- (a) accredited parliamentary assistants as referred to in Article 5a of the Conditions of employment of other servants, and
- (b) natural persons who are to assist Members in their Member States of election and who have concluded an

employment or service contract with them in keeping with applicable national law, in accordance with the conditions laid down in this chapter, hereinafter referred to as "local assistants".

2. Several Members may form a grouping in order jointly to employ or to use the services of one or more assistants as referred to in paragraph 1. In this case, the Members concerned shall designate from amongst their number the Member(s) authorised to sign, in the name of and on behalf of the grouping. A declaration that a grouping of Members has been established shall be annexed to the contract concluded individually with the assistant(s) concerned.

In that declaration the Members shall lay down the respective shares to be deducted from the amount provided for in Article 33(4).

3. Articles 35 to 42 shall not apply to accredited parliamentary assistants.

4. Expenses incurred in connection with traineeship agreements, established on the basis of the conditions laid down by the Bureau, may also be defrayed.

5. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, point (b), Members may also make use of service providers in order to obtain specific and clearly identified services directly linked to the exercise of their parliamentary mandate, in accordance with the conditions laid down in this chapter.

6. The services provided may not include the provision of staff, except for temporary services by service providers who provide such services on a professional and regular basis and are authorised under national law to provide such services.

7. The Bureau shall adopt a non-exhaustive list of expenses which may be defrayed for the purpose of parliamentary assistance.

8. The names of the persons referred to in paragraph 1(a) and those of the persons referred to in paragraph 1(b) who have concluded an employment contract with the Member concerned shall, for the duration of the contract, be published on the website of the European Parliament, together with the name of the Member whom they assist.

Those persons may, on the ground of protection of their personal safety, request in writing that their name not be published on the European Parliament's website. The Secretary-General shall decide whether to grant such a request.;

4. Article 35 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraphs 3 and 4 are replaced by the following:

'3. The Member concludes an individual contract with a paying agent of his or her choice who fulfils the requirement laid down in paragraph 2.

Expenses incurred in using paying agent services in accordance with paragraph 1 shall be covered by the amount provided for in Article 33(4) and shall not be subject to the limit laid down in Article 41(2).

4. The contract between the Member and the paying agent shall be concluded on the basis of a standard contract approved by the Bureau.

The standard contract shall establish, in accordance with this chapter, the payment arrangements in respect of the contracts referred to in paragraph 1 and the paying agent's remuneration and liability.;

(b) paragraph 5 is deleted;

5. In Article 36, paragraphs 4 and 5 are replaced by the following:

'4. Parliament shall pay the paying agent the amounts due under the contracts, including traineeship agreements, for which he or she is responsible, on submission of the requisite supporting documents.

5. At the request of the Member, Parliament shall exceptionally pay on his or her behalf net salaries directly to those assistants with whom the Member has concluded an employment contract as well as to trainees. The paying agent shall inform the relevant department without delay of the amounts payable in respect of social security and tax and draw up the salary slips.

5a. By way of exception to Article 35(1), traineeship agreements which are exempt from taxes, contributions to a national social security scheme and any other charges do not have to be administered by a paying agent, if the Member submits, before the beginning of the traineeship:

(a) a certification by his or her paying agent that the traineeship complies with the applicable legislation and is exempt from the above-mentioned charges, or

(b) for traineeships in Parliament's premises in Brussels or Strasbourg, a declaration authorising Parliament's services

to verify the exemption of the above-mentioned charges with the competent national authority.;

6. In Article 37, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. Applications for defrayal of parliamentary assistance expenses pursuant to Article 34(1), point (b), (2), (4) and (5), specifying the beneficiaries and the amounts of the payments to be made, shall be submitted to the relevant department by the Member or by his or her paying agent, and shall be duly countersigned by all the Members concerned and, save in the case provided for in Article 36(5a)(b), by the paying agent. They shall be accompanied by the supporting documents referred to in Article 38 in respect of employment contracts and those referred to in Article 41 in respect of service contracts.;

7. In Article 39, paragraphs 1 and 2 are replaced by the following:

'1. Paying agents shall, for the period laid down by the applicable national law, and for at least one year from the end of the parliamentary term concerned, keep a pay statement record book itemising sums paid by way of remuneration and tax and social security contributions (as paid by both the employee and the employer). Should a contract with a paying agent be terminated prior to the end of the Member's term of office, a certified true copy of the aforementioned documents shall be forwarded immediately to the new paying agent of the Member's choice, as referred to in Article 35(3).

2. For each of the assistants employed, paying agents shall forward to the relevant department, at the latest by 30 March of the year following the Parliament's financial year in question and on termination of their contracts, statements of the expenses incurred in respect of salaries, tax deductions and social security contributions and any other defrayable expenses, in particular for the purpose of the regularisation of the advances paid. They shall also certify that all the obligations arising from applicable national law have been met.

These statements shall be drawn up in accordance with Parliament's specifications.;

8. In Article 62, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. Members shall pay back any unused amounts to Parliament except where they are defrayed in the form of a lump sum.;

9. Article 72 is replaced by following:

Article 72

Complaints

1. A Member who takes the view that these implementing measures have not been correctly applied to him or her by the competent service may address a written complaint to the Secretary-General.

The decision of the Secretary-General on the complaint shall state the reasons on which it is based.

2. A Member who does not agree with the decision of the Secretary-General may, within two months after notification of the Secretary-General's decision, request that the matter be referred to the Quaestors, who shall take a decision after consulting the Secretary-General.

3. If a party to the complaint procedure does not agree with the decision adopted by the Quaestors, he or she may,

within two months after notification of that decision, request that the matter be referred to the Bureau, which shall take the final decision.

4. This Article shall also apply to a Member's legal successor as well as to former Members and their legal successors.'

Article 2

1. This Decision shall enter into force the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

2. This Decision shall apply from the same day, with the exception of the following provisions:

- (a) Article 1, points 1, 3 (insofar as it relates to Article 34(7) of the Implementing Measures) and 4 to 8, which shall apply from 14 July 2009;
 - (b) Article 1, point 3 (insofar as it relates to Article 34(1) to (6) and (8) of the Implementing Measures), which shall apply from 1 January 2010;
 - (c) Article 1, point 2, which shall apply from 1 January 2011.
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

19 October 2010

(2010/C 283/05)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,3859	AUD	Australian dollar	1,4159
JPY	Japanese yen	113,16	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,4217
DKK	Danish krone	7,4574	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	10,7531
GBP	Pound sterling	0,88060	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,8491
SEK	Swedish krona	9,3350	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,8126
CHF	Swiss franc	1,3405	KRW	South Korean won	1 561,31
ISK	Iceland króna		ZAR	South African rand	9,6507
NOK	Norwegian krone	8,1690	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	9,2089
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,3295
CZK	Czech koruna	24,520	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	12 386,04
EEK	Estonian kroon	15,6466	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,3081
HUF	Hungarian forint	276,89	PHP	Philippine peso	60,121
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	RUB	Russian rouble	42,2900
LVL	Latvian lats	0,7099	THB	Thai baht	41,452
PLN	Polish zloty	3,9363	BRL	Brazilian real	2,3387
RON	Romanian leu	4,2980	MXN	Mexican peso	17,2607
TRY	Turkish lira	1,9775	INR	Indian rupee	61,5430

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

NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

Commission communication pursuant to Article 16(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community**Public service obligations in respect of scheduled air services**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2010/C 283/06)

Member State	Portugal
Concerned routes	Lisbon–Ponta Delgada–Lisbon Lisbon–Terceira–Lisbon Lisbon–Horta–Lisbon Funchal–Ponta Delgada–Funchal Oporto–Ponta Delgada–Oporto Lisbon–Santa Maria–Lisbon Lisbon–Pico–Lisbon Oporto–Terceira–Oporto
Date of entry into force of the public service obligations	60 days after the date of publication of this communication
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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Calls for proposals under the 2011 work programme 'People' of the Seventh EC Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities*(2010/C 283/07)*

Notice is hereby given of the launch of calls for proposals under the 2011 work programme 'People' of the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007 to 2013).

Proposals are invited for the following calls. Calls deadline and budget are given in the call text, which is published on the CORDIS website.

'People' Specific Programme:

Call Title	Call Identifier
Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programmes	FP7-PEOPLE-2011-COFUND
International Research Staff Exchange Scheme	FP7-PEOPLE-2011-IRSES
Career Integration Grants	FP7-PEOPLE-2011-CIG

These calls for proposals relate to the 2011 work programme adopted by Commission Decision C(2010) 4897 of 19 July 2010.

Information on the modalities of the calls, the work programme, and the guide for applicants on how to submit proposals is available through the CORDIS website: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/calls/>

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.5942 — Lloyds TSB Bank/Svenska Handelsbanken/Dyson Group)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2010/C 283/08)

1. On 12 October 2010, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Lloyds TSB Bank PLC ('Lloyds TSB', UK) belonging to the group Lloyds Banking Group and Svenska Handelsbanken AB ('SHB', Sweden) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Dyson Group PLC ('Dyson', UK) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Lloyds TSB: provision of banking services,
- for SHB: provision of banking services,
- for Dyson: manufacture and sale of in particular alumina fibre and of insulation components for automotive catalytic converters and exhaust systems.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation ⁽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), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5942 — Lloyds TSB Bank/Svenska Handelsbanken/Dyson Group, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
J-70
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').

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