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I

(Resolutions, recommendations and opinions)

OPINIONS

EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

OPINION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

of 28 January 2011

on a proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 98/78/EC, 2002/87/EC and 2006/48/EC as regards the supplementary supervision of financial entities in a financial conglomerate

(CON/2011/6)

(2011/C 62/01)

Introduction and legal basis

On 30 September 2010, the European Central Bank (ECB) received a request from the Council of the European Union for an opinion on a proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 98/78/EC, 2002/87/EC and 2006/48/EC as regards the supplementary supervision of financial entities in a financial conglomerate ⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter the 'proposed directive').

The ECB's competence to deliver an opinion is based on Articles 127(4) and 282(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union since the proposed directive contains provisions affecting the European System of Central Banks' contribution to the smooth conduct of policies relating to the stability of the financial system, as referred to in Article 127(5) of the Treaty. In accordance with the first sentence of Article 17.5 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Central Bank, the Governing Council has adopted this opinion.

General observation

1. The ECB welcomes the main aim of the proposed directive, which is to ensure the appropriate scope of supplementary supervision of financial conglomerates, by closing the gaps that have evolved between the Union's supplementary supervision regime ⁽²⁾ and the sectoral directives relating to banking and insurance services.

Specific observations*Treatment of mixed financial holding companies*

2. The ECB welcomes the references to a 'mixed financial holding company' in the provisions of the sectoral directives defining the scope of consolidated banking supervision and group insurance supervision ⁽³⁾. This will allow the application of sectoral consolidated/group supervision, in addition to supplementary supervision, of a financial holding company or an insurance holding company which, as a result of an expansion of activities to another financial sector, becomes a mixed financial holding company. The ECB considers that supervisory insights related to sectoral activities achieved through consolidated/group supervision could indeed be usefully complemented by the understanding of cross-sectoral risks achieved through supplementary supervision. At the same time, efficient supervisory practices should be developed, which on the one hand will allow for all relevant risks to be incorporated in the supervision, and, on the other hand, will eliminate potential overlaps in supervision and preserve a level playing field. The ECB recommends ⁽⁴⁾ giving the European Supervisory Authorities (ESA) powers to adopt, through the Joint Committee, common guidelines in this respect.

Treatment of asset management companies

3. The ECB welcomes the explicit inclusion of asset management companies in the threshold tests for the identification of financial conglomerates⁽⁵⁾. The ECB recommends⁽⁶⁾ allocating asset management companies to the sector within the financial conglomerate with which they have the closest connection, to be further specified in supervisory guidelines. This solution will be superior from the perspective of risk-based assessment than the allocation to the 'smallest financial sector' foreseen by the proposed directive. Moreover, the ECB recommends⁽⁷⁾, as a consequence of the explicit inclusion of asset management companies in the supplementary supervision regime, involving the European Securities and Markets Authority, alongside the other ESA, in the development of guidelines promoting convergence of supervisory practices concerning supplementary supervision⁽⁸⁾. In this respect, the wording should be similar to that contained in Directive 2010/78/EU⁽⁹⁾, i.e. 'the relevant ESA, through the Joint Committee'. The involvement of all relevant ESA in the development of such guidelines should ensure that contagion, concentration and complexity issues and conflicts of interest are effectively addressed across all sectors and all regulated entities of a financial conglomerate. In the same vein, as regards supplementary supervision of internal control mechanisms and risk management processes⁽¹⁰⁾, Directive 2002/87/EC should require consistency of the supplementary supervision with the monitoring by the competent authorities of compliance with prudential rules established under the UCITS Directive⁽¹¹⁾. Such consistency is already required between the supplementary supervision and supervisory practices under the relevant provisions of the Banking Directive⁽¹²⁾ and the Solvency II Directive⁽¹³⁾.

Reporting formats

4. The ECB recommends⁽¹⁴⁾ applying harmonised formats, frequencies and dates of reporting, on the basis of implementing technical standards developed by the relevant ESA, through the Joint Committee⁽¹⁵⁾, for the reporting of the capital adequacy requirements calculated for the relevant entities of a financial conglomerate⁽¹⁶⁾. Such harmonisation should follow the model already in place in the banking sector, on the basis of a 2009 amendment to the Banking Directive⁽¹⁷⁾. The ECB understands that the work on harmonisation of reporting formats will continue, inter alia in connection with the needs generated by the implementation of the Basel III capital framework into Union law. The Eurosystem has a strong interest in this area based on its financial stability role and will follow the progress of this work in cooperation with the Commission.

Where the ECB recommends that the proposed directive is amended, a specific drafting proposal is set out in the Annex accompanied by explanatory text to this effect.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 28 January 2011.

The President of the ECB

Jean-Claude TRICHET

⁽¹⁾ COM(2010) 433 final.

⁽²⁾ Currently consisting of Directive 2002/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002 on the supplementary supervision of credit institutions, insurance undertakings and investment firms in a financial conglomerate (OJ L 35, 11.2.2003, p. 1) and Directive 98/78/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 on the supplementary supervision of insurance and reinsurance undertakings in an insurance or reinsurance group (OJ L 330, 5.12.1998, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ See amendments to Article 1 and Articles 2(2), 3(1), 4(2) and 10(2) and in Annexes I and II to Directive 98/78/EC introduced by Article 1 and Annex I of the proposed directive; see amendments to Articles 4, 71, 72, 84, 105, 125 to 127, 129 and 141 to 143 of Directive 2006/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions (recast) (OJ L 177, 30.6.2006, p. 1), introduced by Article 3 of the proposed directive.

⁽⁴⁾ See proposed amendment 3 in the Annex to this opinion.

⁽⁵⁾ See Articles 2(5) and 3(2), third subparagraph, of Directive 2002/87/EC, as introduced by Article 2(1) and (2) of the proposed directive.

⁽⁶⁾ See proposed amendment 1 in the Annex to this opinion.

⁽⁷⁾ See proposed amendment 2 in the Annex to this opinion.

- (⁸) See Articles 3(8), 7(5), 8(5), 9(6) and 11(5) of Directive 2002/87/EC, as introduced by Articles 2(2) and (4) to (7) of the proposed directive.
- (⁹) Directive 2010/78/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 amending Directives 98/26/EC, 2002/87/EC, 2003/6/EC, 2003/41/EC, 2003/71/EC, 2004/39/EC, 2004/109/EC, 2005/60/EC, 2006/48/EC, 2006/49/EC and 2009/65/EC in respect of the powers of the European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority), the European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority) and the European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority) (OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 120).
- (¹⁰) See Article 9 of Directive 2002/87/EC.
- (¹¹) Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) (OJ L 302, 17.11.2009, p. 32). Supervisory monitoring of asset management companies is referred to in Article 21(1) and Article 102(4)(a) of the UCITS Directive; it focuses on ensuring compliance with: (i) prudential rules required to be introduced by Article 12 with respect to asset management companies, and (ii) further rules set by Articles 17 and 18 with respect to offering of asset management services through branches and the provision of cross-border services.
- (¹²) Directive 2006/48/EC.
- (¹³) Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of Insurance and Reinsurance (Solvency II) (recast) (OJ L 335, 17.12.2009, p. 1).
- (¹⁴) See proposed amendments 4 and 6 in the Annex to this opinion.
- (¹⁵) See Article 21a(2) of Directive 2002/87/EC, as introduced by Article 2(15) of Directive 2010/78/EU.
- (¹⁶) See Article 6(2) of Directive 2002/87/EC.
- (¹⁷) See Article 74(2), second subparagraph of Directive 2006/48/EC, as introduced by Article 1(14) of Directive 2009/111/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 amending Directives 2006/48/EC, 2006/49/EC and 2007/64/EC as regards banks affiliated to central institutions, certain own funds items, large exposures, supervisory arrangements, and crisis management (OJ L 302, 17.11.2009, p. 97).
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ANNEX

Drafting proposals

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendments proposed by the ECB ⁽¹⁾
Amendment 1	
Article 2(2)(a)	
<p>(a) The following third subparagraph is added to paragraph 2:</p> <p>“Asset management companies within the meaning of Article 30 are added to the sector they belong to within the group; if they do not belong exclusively to one sector within the group, they are added to the smallest financial sector.”</p>	<p>(a) The following third subparagraph is added to paragraph 2:</p> <p>“Asset management companies within the meaning of Article 30 are added to the sector they belong to within the group; if they do not belong exclusively to one sector within the group, they are added to the smallest financial sector with which they have the closest connection.”</p>
Explanation	
<p><i>The present solution allocating asset management companies to the smallest sector in the financial conglomerate is not sufficiently risk-based. It should be replaced by the criterion of the ‘closest connection’, to be further specified through ESA common guidelines issued under Article 3(8) of Directive 2002/87/EC (see amendment 2).</i></p>	
Amendment 2	
Article 2(2)(f)	
<p>(f) The following paragraph 8 is added:</p> <p>“8. The European Banking Authority and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority shall issue common guidelines aimed at the convergence of supervisory practices with regard to the application of paragraphs 2, 3, 3a, 4 and 5 of this Article.”</p>	<p>(f) The following paragraph 8 is added:</p> <p>“8. The European Banking Authority, and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority relevant ESA, through the Joint Committee, shall issue common guidelines aimed at the convergence of supervisory practices with regard to the application of paragraphs 2, 3, 3a, 4 and 5 of this Article.”</p>
Explanation	
<p><i>As a result of the explicit inclusion of asset management companies in the threshold tests for the identification of financial conglomerates, the European Securities and Markets Authority should be involved, alongside the other ESA, in the development of guidelines promoting convergence of supervisory practices concerning the supplementary supervision of financial conglomerates. The involvement of all relevant ESA in the development of such guidelines should ensure that contagion, concentration and complexity issues and conflicts of interest are effectively addressed across all sectors and all regulated entities of a financial conglomerate. The wording used in this respect (‘the relevant ESA, through the Joint Committee’) is similar to the model established by Directive 2010/78/EU. This amendment is linked to amendment 5.</i></p>	
Amendment 3	
Article 2(2a) (new)	
<p>[No text.]</p>	<p>(2a) The following paragraph 6 is added to Article 5:</p> <p>“6. The relevant ESA, through the Joint Committee, shall issue common guidelines aimed at developing supervisory practices allowing for supplementary supervision of financial holding companies to appropriately complement the group supervision under Directive 98/78/EC or, as appropriate, consolidated supervision under Directive 2006/48/EC, and which will allow all</p>

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendments proposed by the ECB ⁽¹⁾
	<p>relevant risks to be incorporated in the supervision, while eliminating potential overlaps and preserving a level playing field”</p>

Explanation

Efficient supervisory practices should be developed to allow parallel application of sectoral consolidated/group supervision and supplementary supervision in relation to a mixed financial holding company. The relevant ESA, acting through the Joint Committee, should be given powers to adopt common guidelines in this respect.

Amendment 4

Article 2(2b) (new)

[No text.]	<p>‘(2b) The following sixth subparagraph is added in Article 6(2):</p> <p>“From [1 January 2013], the Member States shall require uniform formats, frequencies and dates for reporting of the calculations referred to in this Article, in accordance with the technical standards established in line with Article 21a(1)(d).”</p>
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Explanation

Similar to the Banking Directive, the reporting of the calculated capital adequacy requirements under Directive 2002/87/EC should follow harmonised formats, frequencies and dates of reporting. This amendment is linked to amendment 6.

Amendment 5

Article 2(4) to (7) and (10)

<p>(4) The following paragraph 5 is added to Article 7:</p> <p>“5. The European Banking Authority and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority shall issue common guidelines aimed at the convergence of supervisory practices with regard to the application of supplementary supervision of risk concentration as provided for in paragraphs 1 to 4. They shall issue specific common guidelines on the application of paragraphs 1 to 4 to participations of the financial conglomerate in cases where national company law provisions obstruct the application of Article 14(2).”</p> <p>(5) The following paragraph 5 is added to Article 8:</p> <p>“5. The European Banking Authority and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority shall issue common guidelines aimed at the convergence of supervisory practices with regard to the application of supplementary supervision of intra-group transactions as provided for in paragraphs 1 to 4. They shall issue specific common guidelines on the application of paragraphs 1 to 4 to participations of the financial conglomerate in cases where national company law provisions obstruct the application of Article 14(2).”</p>	<p>(4) The following paragraph 5 is added to Article 7:</p> <p>“5. The European Banking Authority, and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority relevant ESA, through the Joint Committee, shall issue common guidelines aimed at the convergence of supervisory practices with regard to the application of supplementary supervision of risk concentration as provided for in paragraphs 1 to 4. They shall issue specific common guidelines on the application of paragraphs 1 to 4 to participations of the financial conglomerate in cases where national company law provisions obstruct the application of Article 14(2).”</p> <p>(5) The following paragraph 5 is added to Article 8:</p> <p>“5. The European Banking Authority, and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority relevant ESA, through the Joint Committee, shall issue common guidelines aimed at the convergence of supervisory practices with regard to the application of supplementary supervision of intra-group transactions as provided for in paragraphs 1 to 4. They shall issue specific common guidelines on the application of paragraphs 1 to 4 to participations of the financial conglomerate in cases where national company law provisions obstruct the application of Article 14(2).”</p>
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Text proposed by the Commission	Amendments proposed by the ECB (1)
<p>(6) The following paragraph 6 is added to Article 9:</p> <p>“6. Competent authorities shall align the application of the supplementary supervision of internal control mechanisms and risk management processes as provided for in this Article with the supervisory review processes as provided for by Article 124 of Directive 2006/48/EC and Article 36 of Directive 2009/138/EC. To this end, the European Banking Authority and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority shall issue common guidelines aimed at the convergence of supervisory practices with regard to the application of supplementary supervision of internal control mechanisms and risk management processes as provided for in this Article, as well as on the consistency with the supervisory review processes as provided for by Article 124 of Directive 2006/48/EC and Article 36 of Directive 2009/138/EC. They shall issue specific common guidelines for the application of this Article to participations of the financial conglomerate, in cases where national company law provisions obstruct the application of Article 14(2).”</p>	<p>(6) The following paragraph 6 is added to Article 9:</p> <p>“6. Competent authorities shall align the application of the supplementary supervision of internal control mechanisms and risk management processes as provided for in this Article with the supervisory review processes as provided for by Article 124 of Directive 2006/48/EC and Article 36 of Directive 2009/138/EC, and with the monitoring by the competent authorities of compliance with prudential rules established under Article 12 of Directive 2009/65/EC. To this end, the European Banking Authority, and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority relevant ESA, through the Joint Committee, shall issue common guidelines aimed at the convergence of supervisory practices with regard to the application of supplementary supervision of internal control mechanisms and risk management processes as provided for in this Article, as well as on the consistency with the supervisory review processes as provided for by Article 124 of Directive 2006/48/EC and Article 36 of Directive 2009/138/EC, and with the monitoring by the competent authorities of compliance with prudential rules established under Article 12 of Directive 2009/65/EC. They shall issue specific common guidelines for the application of this Article to participations of the financial conglomerate, in cases where national company law provisions obstruct the application of Article 14(2).”</p>
<p>(7) The following paragraphs 4 and 5 are added to Article 11:</p> <p>“[...]</p> <p>5. The European Banking Authority and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority shall issue common guidelines aimed at the consistency of supervisory coordination arrangements according to Article 131a of Directive 2006/48/EC and Article 248(4) of Directive 2009/138/EC.”</p> <p>[...]</p>	<p>(7) The following paragraphs 4 and 5 are added to Article 11:</p> <p>“[...]</p> <p>5. The European Banking Authority, and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority relevant ESA, through the Joint Committee, shall issue common guidelines aimed at the consistency of supervisory coordination arrangements according to Article 131a of Directive 2006/48/EC and Article 248(4) of Directive 2009/138/EC.”</p> <p>[...]</p>
<p>(10) The following Article 21b is inserted:</p> <p>“Article 21b</p> <p>Common Guidelines</p> <p>The European Banking Authority and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority shall issue the common guidelines referred to in Article 3(3), Article 7(5), Article 8(5), Article 9(6) and Article 11(5) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 42 of the Regulation (EU) No .../... establishing the European Banking Authority, and in Article 42 of the Regulation (EU) No .../... establishing the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority, following cooperation within the Joint Committee of the European Supervisory Authorities.”</p>	<p>(10) The following Article 21b is inserted:</p> <p>“Article 21b</p> <p>Common Guidelines</p> <p>The European Banking Authority, and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority relevant ESA, through the Joint Committee, shall issue the common guidelines referred to in Article 3(3), Article 7(5), Article 8(5), Article 9(6) and Article 11(5) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4256 of the Regulation (EU) No: 1093/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (the European Banking Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission</p>

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendments proposed by the ECB ⁽¹⁾
	<p>Decision 2009/78/EC, and in Article 4256 of the Regulation (EU) No. 1094/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/79/EC, and in Article 56 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/77/EC, following cooperation within the Joint Committee of the European Supervisory Authorities.”</p>

Explanation

See the explanation under amendment 2, to which this amendment is linked. Moreover, as regards supplementary supervision of internal control mechanisms and risk management processes, the proposed amendment to Article 9(6) of Directive 2002/87/EC should require consistency of the supplementary supervision with the monitoring by the competent authorities of compliance with prudential rules established under the UCITS Directive. Such consistency is already required between the supplementary supervision and the supervisory practices under the relevant provisions of the Banking Directive and the Solvency II Directive.

Amendment 6

Article 2(9a) (new)

[No text.]	<p>(9a) The following point (d) is added to the first subparagraph of Article 21a(1):</p> <p>“(d) Article 6(2) in order to ensure uniform formats (with associated instructions), frequencies and dates of reporting.”</p>
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Explanation

See the explanation under amendment 4, to which this amendment is linked.

⁽¹⁾ Bold in the body of the text indicates where the ECB proposes inserting new text. Strikethrough in the body of the text indicates where the ECB proposes deleting text.

II

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

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU**Cases where the Commission raises no objections***(Text with EEA relevance, except for products falling under Annex I to the Treaty)**(2011/C 62/02)*

Date of adoption of the decision	12.8.2010	
Reference number of State Aid	N 112/10	
Member State	Netherlands	
Region	—	Non-assisted areas
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Regeling LNV-subsidies (investerings in integraal duurzame stallen en houderijen)	
Legal basis	Kaderwet LNV-subsidies: artikel 2 en 4 Regeling LNV-subsidies: artikel 2:37 t/m 2:41, Bijlage 2, hoofdstuk 4	
Type of measure	Scheme	—
Objective	Investments in agricultural holdings	
Form of aid	Direct grant	
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 26,70 (in millions)	
Intensity	60 %	
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2013	
Economic sectors	Animal production	
Name and address of the granting authority	Minister van Landbouw, Natuur en Voedselkwaliteit PO Box 20401 2500 EK Den Haag NEDERLAND	
Other information	—	

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

Date of adoption of the decision	22.11.2010	
Reference number of State Aid	N 369/10	
Member State	France	
Region	Vendée	Mixed
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Programme d'aides en faveur de l'élevage bovin: lutte contre la rhinotrachéite infectieuse bovine (BVD) en Vendée	
Legal basis	— Code général des collectivités territoriales et notamment l'article L 1511-1 — Délibération du Conseil général de la Vendée	
Type of measure	Scheme	—
Objective	Animal diseases	
Form of aid	Subsidised services	
Budget	Annual budget: EUR 0,07 (in millions) Overall budget: EUR 0,26 (in millions)	
Intensity	66,00 %	
Duration (period)	23.11.2010-31.12.2013	
Economic sectors	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	
Name and address of the granting authority	Mme Françoise SIMON, chef du secteur AGRAP Conseil général de Vendée, service agriculture et pêche 40 rue du maréchal Foch 85923 La Roche Sur Yon Cedex 9 FRANCE	
Other information	—	

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Date of adoption of the decision	12.11.2010	
Reference number of State Aid	N 382/10	
Member State	Denmark	
Region	—	Mixed
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Tilskud til rådgivning af private skovejere om kortlægning og beskyttelse af fredskov m.v. i internationale naturbeskyttelsesområder. (Aid for counselling concerning Natura 2000 forests)	
Legal basis	Bekendtgørelse af lov om skove (LBK nr. 945 af 24.9.2009). Bekendtgørelse om tilskud til rådgivning af private skovejere om kortlægning og beskyttelse af fredskov m.v. i internationale naturbeskyttelsesområder.	
Type of measure	Scheme	—
Objective	Environmental protection, Technical support (AGRI)	

Form of aid	—
Budget	Annual budget: DKK 0,60 (in millions) Overall budget: DKK 1,80 (in millions)
Intensity	100,00 %
Duration (period)	1.1.2011-31.12.2013
Economic sectors	Agriculture, Forestry And Fishing
Name and address of the granting authority	Skov- og Naturstyrelsen Haraldsgade 53 2100 København Ø DANMARK
Other information	—

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Date of adoption of the decision	3.11.2010	
Reference number of State Aid	N 389/10	
Member State	Italy	
Region	Lombardia	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Imboschimento, ricostituzione del potenziale forestale e interventi preventivi (Misure 221, 223 e 226 del PSR)	
Legal basis	Programma di sviluppo rurale della Regione Lombardia per il periodo di programmazione 2007-2013: — Misura 221-Imboschimento di terreni agricoli, — Misura 223-Imboschimento di superfici non agricole, — Misura 226-Ricostituzione del potenziale forestale e interventi preventivi	
Type of measure	Scheme	—
Objective	Forestry	
Form of aid	Direct grant	
Budget	Annual budget: EUR 10,00 (in millions) Overall budget: EUR 30,00 (in millions)	
Intensity	100,00 %	
Duration (period)	1.1.2011-31.12.2013	
Economic sectors	Forestry and logging	
Name and address of the granting authority	Regione Lombardia Direzione Generale Agricoltura Via Pola 12-14 20124 Milano MI ITALIA	

Other information	—
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Date of adoption of the decision	22.11.2010	
Reference number of State Aid	N 390/10	
Member State	Germany	
Region	Rheinland-Pfalz	Mixed
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Förderung der Erhaltung von genetischen Ressourcen in der Landwirtschaft (Erhaltung genetischer Ressourcen — EGR) — 612-40304/RP00	
Legal basis	Gesetz über die Gemeinschaftsaufgabe „Verbesserung der Agrarstruktur und des Küstenschutzes“ (GAK) vom 21. Juli 1988 (BGBl. I S. 1055) in der jeweils geltenden Fassung in Verbindung mit dem jeweiligen vom Planungsausschuss der Gemeinschaftsaufgabe „Verbesserung der Agrarstruktur und des Küstenschutzes“ beschlossenen Rahmenplan, hier: Grundsätze für die Förderung der Erhaltung genetischer Ressourcen in der Landwirtschaft; Verwaltungsvorschrift „Förderung der Erhaltung genetischer Ressourcen in der Landwirtschaft (Erhaltung genetischer Ressourcen — EGR)“; §§ 23 und 44 der Landeshaushaltsordnung (LHO) vom 20. Dezember 1971 (GVBl 1972, S. 2) und Verwaltungsvorschrift über den Vollzug der Landeshaushaltsordnung (VV-LHO) vom 20. Dezember 2002 (MinBl. 2003 S. 22) in der jeweils geltenden Fassung.	
Type of measure	Scheme	—
Objective	Agri-environmental commitments, Environmental protection	
Form of aid	Direct grant	
Budget	Annual budget: EUR 0,10 (in millions) Overall budget: EUR 0,40 (in millions)	
Intensity	100,00 %	
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2013	
Economic sectors	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	
Name and address of the granting authority	Dienstleistungszentrum Ländlicher Raum Westpfalz Neumühle 8 67728 Münchweiler/A DEUTSCHLAND Tel. +49 630292160 Fax +49 6302921699 E-mail: dlr-westpfalz@dlr.rlp.de	
Other information	—	

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

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

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

(2011/C 62/03)

Date of adoption of the decision	7.6.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 332/09
Member State	Belgium
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Indemnisation des pertes subies par les producteurs de pommes de terre suite aux mesures prises contre des organismes nuisibles
Legal basis	Arrêté royal du 5 décembre 2004 fixant les cotisations de crise temporaires dues par les producteurs de pommes de terre pour l'indemnisation de pertes subies suite aux mesures prises contre des organismes nuisibles
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Combating plant diseases
Form of aid	Direct grant
Budget	EUR 670 000 per year
Intensity	Maximum 85 %
Duration (period)	Maximum 6 years
Economic sectors	Agriculture
Name and address of the granting authority	Service public fédéral (SPF) santé publique, sécurité de la chaîne alimentaire et environnement Eurostation II Place Victor Horta, 40 bte 10 1060 Bruxelles/Brussel BELGIQUE/BELGIË
Other information	—

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Date of adoption of the decision	12.11.2010	
Reference number of State Aid	N 539/09	
Member State	Germany	
Region	Baden-Württemberg	Article 107(3)(c)
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Baden-Württemberg: Kommunale Agrarumweltprogramme der Städte Bietigheim-Bissingen, Heilbronn und Ludwigsburg	

Legal basis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stadt Bietigheim-Bissingen — Naturschutz und Landschaftspflege- maßnahmen -Förderprogramme Biotopverbund -Förderrichtlinien 2. Stadt Heilbronn — Richtlinie für das Ackerrandstreifenprogramm der Stadt Heilbronn 3. Stadt Heilbronn — Richtlinie für das Streuobstförderprogramm der Stadt Heilbronn 4. Ludwigsburg — Agrarumweltprogramm-Förderrichtlinien 	
Type of measure	Scheme	—
Objective	Agri-environmental commitments, Environmental protection	
Form of aid	Direct grant	
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 1,82 (in millions)	
Intensity	100,00 %	
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2013	
Economic sectors	Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities	
Name and address of the granting authority	<p>Städte Bietigheim-Bissingen, Heilbronn, Ludwigsburg Bietigheim-Bissingen, Bauhof&Gärtnerei Höpfigheimer Str. 26 74321 Bietigheim-Bissingen DEUTSCHLAND</p> <p>Heilbronn-Grünflächenamt Cäcilienstr. 51 74072 Heilbronn DEUTSCHLAND</p> <p>Ludwigsburg — Bürgerbüro Bauen Wilhelmstraße 5 71638 Ludwigsburg DEUTSCHLAND</p>	
Other information	—	

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Date of adoption of the decision	21.12.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 434/10
Member State	Spain
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Primera implantación de sistemas agroforestales en tierras agrícolas (Medida 222 — Desarrollo Rural).
Legal basis	Marco nacional español de Desarrollo Rural para el periodo 2007-2013 Programas de Desarrollo Rural (PDR) para el período 2007-2013 de las siguientes Comunidades Autónomas españolas: Aragón, Asturias, Canarias, Extremadura y Galicia
Type of measure	Aid scheme

Objective	Forestry
Form of aid	Direct grant
Budget	Overall budget of EUR 5,62 (in millions)
Intensity	85 %
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2013
Economic sectors	Forestry
Name and address of the granting authority	Autoridades de gestión de los Programas de Desarrollo Rural de las Comunidades Autónomas
Other information	—

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Date of adoption of the decision	14.12.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 443/10
Member State	Spain
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Ayudas a inversiones no productivas (Medida 227 de Desarrollo Rural)
Legal basis	Marco Nacional de Desarrollo Rural español 2007-2013 Programas de desarrollo rural (PDR) de las 17 Comunidades Autónomas españolas 2007-2013
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Forestry
Form of aid	Direct grant
Budget	Overall budget of EUR 435,532409 (in millions)
Intensity	100 %
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2013
Economic sectors	Forestry
Name and address of the granting authority	Autoridades de gestión de los Programas de Desarrollo Rural de las Comunidades Autónomas
Other information	—

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Date of adoption of the decision	15.12.2010	
Reference number of State Aid	N 531/10	
Member State	Denmark	
Region	—	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Guarantee scheme	
Legal basis	Lov om Vækstfonden, nr. 571 af den 1. juli 2002 med senere ændringer, samt bekendtgørelse nr. 1013 af den 17. august 2007, og aktstykke vedtaget af Finansudvalget den 30. oktober 2009	
Type of measure	Scheme	—
Objective	—	
Form of aid	Guarantee	
Budget	—	
Intensity	—	
Duration (period)	16.12.2010-31.12.2011	
Economic sectors	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	
Name and address of the granting authority	Vækstfonden Strandvejen 104 A 2900 Hellerup DANMARK	
Other information	—	

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

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 62/04)

Date of adoption of the decision	27.1.2010
Reference number of State Aid	N 632/09
Member State	Austria
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Nichtkommerzieller Rundfunk-Fonds
Legal basis	Artikel 9j, 9k, 9l Bundesgesetz über die Einrichtung einer Kommunikationsbehörde Austria („KommAustria“) und eines Bundeskommunikationssenates (KommAustria-Gesetz); Richtlinien des Fonds zur Förderung des nichtkommerziellen Rundfunks
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Culture
Form of aid	Direct grant
Budget	Annual budget: EUR 1 million Overall budget: EUR 6 million
Intensity	90 %
Duration (period)	2010-2014
Economic sectors	Media
Name and address of the granting authority	Rundfunk und Telekom Regulierungs-GmbH Mariahilferstraße 77-79 1060 Wien ÖSTERREICH
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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Date of adoption of the decision	14.12.2010
Reference number of State Aid	SA.31999 (2010/N)
Member State	Greece
Region	—

Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Ίδρυση ταμείου χρηματοπιστωτικής σταθεροτητας (Idrisi Tameiou xrimatopistotikis Statherotitas)
Legal basis	Σχέδιο νόμου περί ίδρυσεως ταμείου χρηματοπιστωτικής σταθεροτητας (Sxedio nomou peri idriseos tameiou xrimatopistotikis statherotitas)
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 10 000 million
Intensity	—
Duration (period)	1.1.2011-30.6.2011
Economic sectors	Financial intermediation
Name and address of the granting authority	Υπουργείο Οικονομικών Νίκης 5-7 (Υπουργείο Οικονομικόν Νίκης 5-7) 101 80 Αθήνα/Athens (101 80 Athina) ΕΛΛΑΔΑ/GREECE
Other information	—

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Date of adoption of the decision	28.1.2011
Reference number of State Aid	SA.32182 (2011/N)
Member State	France
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Prolongation du régime temporaire relatif aux aides sous forme de taux d'intérêt bonifié (N 15/09)
Legal basis	Pour les interventions de l'État, l'article 20 de la constitution du 4 octobre 1958 ainsi que les articles L 2251-1, L 3231-1 et L 4211-1 du code général des collectivités territoriales, constituent la base juridique du régime. Pour les interventions des collectivités territoriales les bases juridiques sont les suivantes: — les Articles L 1511-1 à L 1511-5 du code général des collectivités territoriales tels que modifiés par l'article 1 ^{er} de la loi n ^o 2004-809 du 13 août 2004 relative aux libertés et responsabilités locales pour les collectivités territoriales et leurs groupements.
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy
Form of aid	Interest subsidy

Budget	—
Intensity	—
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2011
Economic sectors	All sectors
Name and address of the granting authority	—
Other information	—

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Date of adoption of the decision	24.1.2011
Reference number of State Aid	SA.32215 (2011/N)
Member State	Hungary
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Prolongation of the 'Temporary aid scheme for granting aid in the form of loans with subsidised interest rate' (N 78/09)
Legal basis	Article 23/C, Article 23/D, Article 23/E and Annex 4 of the Government Decree No 85/2004 (IV.19) on the procedure regarding State aid defined by Article 87(1) of the EC Treaty and on the Regional Aid Map
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy
Form of aid	Interest subsidy
Budget	Overall budget: HUF 10 000 million
Intensity	—
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2011
Economic sectors	All sectors
Name and address of the granting authority	—
Other information	—

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Date of adoption of the decision	18.2.2011
Reference number of State Aid	SA.32506 (2011/N)
Member State	Netherlands
Region	—
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Prolongation of Dutch limited amounts of compatible aid scheme (N 156/09)
Legal basis	Aangepast Nederlands nationaal kader voor het tijdelijk verlenen van beperkte steunbedragen
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Aid to remedy serious disturbances in the economy
Form of aid	Direct grant, Soft loan, Guarantee
Budget	—
Intensity	—
Duration (period)	Until 31.12.2011
Economic sectors	All sectors
Name and address of the granting authority	All authorities granting State aid in the Netherlands
Other information	—

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IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

25 February 2011

(2011/C 62/05)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate
USD US dollar	1,3762	AUD Australian dollar	1,3577
JPY Japanese yen	112,52	CAD Canadian dollar	1,3487
DKK Danish krone	7,4553	HKD Hong Kong dollar	10,7253
GBP Pound sterling	0,85530	NZD New Zealand dollar	1,8337
SEK Swedish krona	8,8320	SGD Singapore dollar	1,7540
CHF Swiss franc	1,2799	KRW South Korean won	1 549,41
ISK Iceland króna		ZAR South African rand	9,6150
NOK Norwegian krone	7,7640	CNY Chinese yuan renminbi	9,0513
BGN Bulgarian lev	1,9558	HRK Croatian kuna	7,4250
CZK Czech koruna	24,479	IDR Indonesian rupiah	12 162,05
HUF Hungarian forint	272,81	MYR Malaysian ringgit	4,1964
LTL Lithuanian litas	3,4528	PHP Philippine peso	60,191
LVL Latvian lats	0,7048	RUB Russian rouble	39,8230
PLN Polish zloty	3,9709	THB Thai baht	42,153
RON Romanian leu	4,2125	BRL Brazilian real	2,2853
TRY Turkish lira	2,1975	MXN Mexican peso	16,6656
		INR Indian rupee	62,3760

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

Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 94/25/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to recreational craft

(Text with EEA relevance)

(Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under the directive)

(2011/C 62/06)

ESO ⁽¹⁾	Reference and title of the harmonised standard (and reference document)	First publication OJ	Reference of superseded standard	Date of cessation of presumption of conformity of superseded standard Note 1
CEN	EN ISO 6185-1:2001 Inflatable boats — Part 1: Boats with a maximum motor power rating of 4,5 kW (ISO 6185-1:2001)	17.4.2002		
CEN	EN ISO 6185-2:2001 Inflatable boats — Part 2: Boats with a maximum motor power rating of 4,5 kW to 15 kW inclusive (ISO 6185-2:2001)	17.4.2002		
CEN	EN ISO 6185-3:2001 Inflatable boats — Part 3: Boats with a maximum motor power rating of 15 kW and greater (ISO 6185-3:2001)	17.4.2002		
CEN	EN ISO 7840:2004 Small craft — Fire-resistant fuel hoses (ISO 7840:2004)	8.1.2005	EN ISO 7840:1995 Note 2.1	Date expired (31.8.2004)
CEN	EN ISO 8099:2000 Small craft — Toilet waste retention systems (ISO 8099:2000)	11.5.2001		
CEN	EN ISO 8469:2006 Small craft — Non-fire-resistant fuel hoses (ISO 8469:2006)	12.12.2006	EN ISO 8469:1995 Note 2.1	Date expired (31.1.2007)
CEN	EN ISO 8665:2006 Small craft — Marine propulsion reciprocating internal combustion engines — Power measurements and declarations (ISO 8665:2006)	16.9.2006	EN ISO 8665:1995 Note 2.1	Date expired (31.12.2006)
CEN	EN ISO 8666:2002 Small craft — Principal data (ISO 8666:2002)	20.5.2003		
CEN	EN ISO 8847:2004 Small craft — Steering gear — Cable and pulley systems (ISO 8847:2004)	8.1.2005	EN 28847:1989 Note 2.1	Date expired (30.11.2004)
	EN ISO 8847:2004/AC:2005	14.3.2006		

ESO (1)	Reference and title of the harmonised standard (and reference document)	First publication OJ	Reference of superseded standard	Date of cessation of presumption of conformity of superseded standard Note 1
CEN	EN ISO 8849:2003 Small craft — Electrically operated direct-current bilge-pumps (ISO 8849:2003)	8.1.2005	EN 28849:1993 Note 2.1	Date expired (30.4.2004)
CEN	EN ISO 9093-1:1997 Small craft — Seacocks and through-hull fittings — Part 1: Metallic (ISO 9093-1:1994)	11.5.2001		
CEN	EN ISO 9093-2:2002 Small craft — Seacocks and through-hull fittings — Part 2: Non-metallic (ISO 9093-2:2002)	3.4.2003		
CEN	EN ISO 9094-1:2003 Small craft — Fire protection — Part 1: Craft with a hull length of up to and including 15 m (ISO 9094-1:2003)	12.7.2003		
CEN	EN ISO 9094-2:2002 Small craft — Fire protection — Part 2: Craft with a hull length of over 15 m (ISO 9094-2:2002)	20.5.2003		
CEN	EN ISO 9097:1994 Small craft — Electric fans (ISO 9097:1991)	25.2.1998		
	EN ISO 9097:1994/A1:2000	11.5.2001	Note 3	Date expired (31.3.2001)
CEN	EN ISO 10087:2006 Small craft — Craft identification — Coding system (ISO 10087:2006)	13.5.2006	EN ISO 10087:1996 Note 2.1	Date expired (30.9.2006)
CEN	EN ISO 10088:2009 Small craft — Permanently installed fuel systems (ISO 10088:2009)	17.4.2010	EN ISO 10088:2001 Note 2.3	31.12.2011
CEN	EN ISO 10133:2000 Small craft — Electrical systems — Extra-low-voltage d.c. installations (ISO 10133:2000)	6.3.2002		
CEN	EN ISO 10239:2008 Small craft — Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) systems (ISO 10239:2008)	30.4.2008	EN ISO 10239:2000 Note 2.1	Date expired (31.8.2008)
CEN	EN ISO 10240:2004 Small craft — Owner's manual (ISO 10240:2004)	3.5.2005	EN ISO 10240:1996 Note 2.1	Date expired (30.4.2005)

ESO (1)	Reference and title of the harmonised standard (and reference document)	First publication OJ	Reference of superseded standard	Date of cessation of presumption of conformity of superseded standard Note 1
CEN	EN ISO 10592:1995 Small craft — Hydraulic steering systems (ISO 10592:1994)	25.2.1998		
	EN ISO 10592:1995/A1:2000	11.5.2001	Note 3	Date expired (31.3.2001)
CEN	EN ISO 11105:1997 Small craft — Ventilation of petrol engine and/or petrol tank compartments (ISO 11105:1997)	18.12.1997		
CEN	EN ISO 11192:2005 Small craft — Graphical symbols (ISO 11192:2005)	14.3.2006		
CEN	EN ISO 11547:1995 Small craft — Start-in-gear protection (ISO 11547:1994)	18.12.1997		
	EN ISO 11547:1995/A1:2000	11.5.2001	Note 3	Date expired (31.3.2001)
CEN	EN ISO 11591:2000 Small craft, engine-driven — Field of vision from helm position (ISO 11591:2000)	6.3.2002		
CEN	EN ISO 11592:2001 Small craft less than 8 m length of hull — Determination of maximum propulsion power rating (ISO 11592:2001)	6.3.2002		
CEN	EN ISO 11812:2001 Small craft — Watertight cockpits and quick- draining cockpits (ISO 11812:2001)	17.4.2002		
CEN	EN ISO 12215-1:2000 Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 1: Materials: Thermosetting resins, glass- fibre reinforcement, reference laminate (ISO 12215-1:2000)	11.5.2001		
CEN	EN ISO 12215-2:2002 Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 2: Materials: Core materials for sandwich construction, embedded materials (ISO 12215-2:2002)	1.10.2002		
CEN	EN ISO 12215-3:2002 Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 3: Materials: Steel, aluminium alloys, wood, other materials (ISO 12215-3:2002)	1.10.2002		

ESO ⁽¹⁾	Reference and title of the harmonised standard (and reference document)	First publication OJ	Reference of superseded standard	Date of cessation of presumption of conformity of superseded standard Note 1
CEN	EN ISO 12215-4:2002 Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 4: Workshop and manufacturing (ISO 12215-4:2002)	1.10.2002		
CEN	EN ISO 12215-5:2008 Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 5: Design pressures for monohulls, design stresses, scantlings determination (ISO 12215-5:2008)	3.12.2008		
CEN	EN ISO 12215-6:2008 Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 6: Structural arrangements and details (ISO 12215-6:2008)	3.12.2008		
CEN	EN ISO 12215-8:2009 Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 8: Rudders (ISO 12215-8:2009)	17.4.2010		
	EN ISO 12215-8:2009/AC:2010	11.11.2010		
CEN	EN ISO 12216:2002 Small craft — Windows, portlights, hatches, deadlights and doors — Strength and watertightness requirements (ISO 12216:2002)	19.12.2002		
CEN	EN ISO 12217-1:2002 Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorisation — Part 1: Non-sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m (ISO 12217-1:2002)	1.10.2002		
	EN ISO 12217-1:2002/A1:2009	17.4.2010	Note 3	Date expired (30.4.2010)
CEN	EN ISO 12217-2:2002 Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorisation — Part 2: Sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m (ISO 12217-2:2002)	1.10.2002		
CEN	EN ISO 12217-3:2002 Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorisation — Part 3: Boats of hull length less than 6 m (ISO 12217-3:2002)	1.10.2002		
	EN ISO 12217-3:2002/A1:2009	17.4.2010	Note 3	Date expired (30.4.2010)
CEN	EN ISO 13297:2000 Small craft — Electrical systems — Alternating current installations (ISO 13297:2000)	6.3.2002		

ESO (*)	Reference and title of the harmonised standard (and reference document)	First publication OJ	Reference of superseded standard	Date of cessation of presumption of conformity of superseded standard Note 1
CEN	EN ISO 13590:2003 Small craft — Personal watercraft — Construction and system installation requirements (ISO 13590:2003)	8.1.2005		
	EN ISO 13590:2003/AC:2004	3.5.2005		
CEN	EN ISO 13929:2001 Small craft — Steering gear — Geared link systems (ISO 13929:2001)	6.3.2002		
CEN	EN ISO 14509-1:2008 Small craft — Airborne sound emitted by powered recreational craft — Part 1: Pass-by measurement procedures (ISO 14509-1:2008)	4.3.2009	EN ISO 14509:2000 Note 2.1	Date expired (30.4.2009)
CEN	EN ISO 14509-2:2006 Small craft — Airborne sound emitted by powered recreational craft — Part 2: Sound assessment using reference craft (ISO 14509-2:2006)	19.7.2007		
CEN	EN ISO 14509-3:2009 Small craft — Airborne sound emitted by powered recreational craft — Part 3: Sound assessment using calculation and measurement procedures (ISO 14509-3:2009)	17.4.2010		
CEN	EN ISO 14895:2003 Small craft — Liquid-fuelled galley stoves (ISO 14895:2000)	30.10.2003		
CEN	EN ISO 14945:2004 Small craft — Builder's plate (ISO 14945:2004)	8.1.2005		
	EN ISO 14945:2004/AC:2005	14.3.2006		
CEN	EN ISO 14946:2001 Small craft — Maximum load capacity (ISO 14946:2001)	6.3.2002		
	EN ISO 14946:2001/AC:2005	14.3.2006		
CEN	EN ISO 15083:2003 Small craft — Bilge-pumping systems (ISO 15083:2003)	30.10.2003		
CEN	EN ISO 15084:2003 Small craft — Anchoring, mooring and towing — Strong points (ISO 15084:2003)	12.7.2003		

ESO (1)	Reference and title of the harmonised standard (and reference document)	First publication OJ	Reference of superseded standard	Date of cessation of presumption of conformity of superseded standard Note 1
CEN	EN ISO 15085:2003 Small craft — Man-overboard prevention and recovery (ISO 15085:2003)	30.10.2003		
	EN ISO 15085:2003/A1:2009	17.4.2010	Note 3	Date expired (30.11.2009)
CEN	EN ISO 15584:2001 Small craft — Inboard petrol engines — Engine-mounted fuel and electrical components (ISO 15584:2001)	6.3.2002		
CEN	EN 15609:2008 LPG equipment and accessories — LPG propulsion systems for boats, yachts and other craft — Installation requirements	4.3.2009		
CEN	EN ISO 15652:2005 Small craft — Remote steering systems for inboard mini jet boats (ISO 15652:2003)	7.9.2005		
CEN	EN ISO 16147:2002 Small craft — Inboard diesel engines — Engine-mounted fuel and electrical components (ISO 16147:2002)	3.4.2003		
CEN	EN ISO 21487:2006 Small craft — Permanently installed petrol and diesel fuel tanks (ISO 21487:2006)	19.7.2007		
	EN ISO 21487:2006/AC:2009	17.4.2010		
CEN	EN 28846:1993 Small craft — Electrical devices — Protection against ignition of surrounding flammable gases (ISO 8846:1990)	30.9.1995		
	EN 28846:1993/A1:2000	11.5.2001	Note 3	Date expired (31.3.2001)
CEN	EN 28848:1993 Small craft — Remote steering systems (ISO 8848:1990)	30.9.1995		
	EN 28848:1993/A1:2000	11.5.2001	Note 3	Date expired (31.3.2001)
CEN	EN 29775:1993 Small craft — Remote steering systems for single outboard motors of 15 kW to 40 kW power (ISO 9775:1990)	30.9.1995		

ESO ⁽¹⁾	Reference and title of the harmonised standard (and reference document)	First publication OJ	Reference of superseded standard	Date of cessation of presumption of conformity of superseded standard Note 1
	EN 29775:1993/A1:2000	11.5.2001	Note 3	Date expired (31.3.2001)
Cenelec	EN 60092-507:2000 Electrical installations in ships — Part 507: Pleasure craft IEC 60092-507:2000	12.6.2003		

⁽¹⁾ ESO: European Standards Organisation:

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- Cenelec: Avenue Marnix 17, 1000 Bruxelles/Brussel, BELGIQUE/BELGIË, Tel. +32 25196871; Fax +32 25196919 (<http://www.cenelec.eu>),
- ETSI: 650 route des Lucioles, 06921 Sophia Antipolis, FRANCE, Tel. +33 492944200; Fax +33 493654716 (<http://www.etsi.eu>).

- Note 1: Generally the date of cessation of presumption of conformity will be the date of withdrawal ('dow'), set by the European Standardisation Organisation, but attention of users of these standards is drawn to the fact that in certain exceptional cases this can be otherwise.
- Note 2.1: The new (or amended) standard has the same scope as the superseded standard. On the date stated, the superseded standard ceases to give presumption of conformity with the essential requirements of the directive.
- Note 2.2: The new standard has a broader scope than the superseded standard. On the date stated, the superseded standard ceases to give presumption of conformity with the essential requirements of the directive.
- Note 2.3: The new standard has a narrower scope than the superseded standard. On the date stated, the (partially) superseded standard ceases to give presumption of conformity with the essential requirements of the directive for those products that fall within the scope of the new standard. Presumption of conformity with the essential requirements of the directive for products that still fall within the scope of the (partially) superseded standard, but that do not fall within the scope of the new standard, is unaffected.
- Note 3: In case of amendments, the referenced standard is EN CCCCC:YYYY, its previous amendments, if any, and the new, quoted amendment. The superseded standard (column 3) therefore consists of EN CCCCC:YYYY and its previous amendments, if any, but without the new quoted amendment. On the date stated, the superseded standard ceases to give presumption of conformity with the essential requirements of the directive.

NOTE:

- Any information concerning the availability of the standards can be obtained either from the European Standardisation Organisations or from the national standardisation bodies of which the list is annexed to the Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amended by the Directive 98/48/EC.
- Harmonised standards are adopted by the European Standardisation Organisations in English (CEN and Cenelec also publish in French and German). Subsequently, the titles of the harmonised standards are translated into all other required official languages of the European Union by the National Standards Bodies. The European Commission is not responsible for the correctness of the titles which have been presented for publication in the Official Journal.
- Publication of the references in the *Official Journal of the European Union* does not imply that the standards are available in all the Community languages.
- This list replaces all the previous lists published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*. The Commission ensures the updating of this list.
- More information about harmonised standards on the Internet at
http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/european-standards/harmonised-standards/index_en.htm

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

LIFE+ CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2011

(2011/C 62/07)

The Commission invites entities registered in the European Union to present proposals for the LIFE+ call for proposals 2011.

Applications

Proposals must be written on specific application forms. These forms and the application guide that includes detailed explanations in regard to eligibility and procedures can be obtained from the Commission's website on the following address:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

Proposals must be submitted on CD-ROM or DVD.

Beneficiaries

Proposals must be presented by entities registered in the Member States of the European Union being public and/or private bodies, actors and institutions.

The following themes are covered by this announcement

1. LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity

Principal objective: to protect, conserve, restore, monitor and facilitate the functioning of natural systems, natural habitats, wild flora and fauna, with the aim of halting the loss of biodiversity, including diversity of genetic resources, within the EU.

2. LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance

Principal objectives:

- **Climate change:** to stabilise greenhouse gas concentration at a level that prevents global warming above 2 °C,
- **Water:** to contribute to enhanced water quality by developing cost-effective measures to achieve good ecological status in view of developing river basin management plans under Directive 2000/60/EC (Water Framework Directive),
- **Air:** to achieve levels of air quality that do not give rise to significant negative impacts on and risks to human health and the environment,
- **Soil:** to protect and ensure the sustainable use of soil by preserving soil functions, preventing threats to soil, mitigating their effects and restoring degraded soils,
- **Urban environment:** to contribute to improving the environmental performance of Europe's urban areas,

- **Noise:** to contribute to policy development and implementation on environmental noise,
- **Chemicals:** improve the protection of environment and health from risks posed by chemicals by 2020 by implementing chemicals legislation, in particular Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) and the Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides,
- **Environment and health:** to develop the information base for policy on the environment and health (the Environment and Health Action Plan),
- **Natural resources and waste:** to develop and implement policies designed to ensure sustainable management of natural resources and wastes, and to improve the environmental performances of products, sustainable production and consumption patterns, waste prevention, recovery and recycling; to contribute to the effective implementation of the Thematic Strategy on the prevention and recycling of waste,
- **Forests:** to provide, especially through an EU coordination network, a concise and comprehensive basis for policy relevant information on forests in relation to climate change (impact on forest ecosystems, mitigation, substitution effects), biodiversity (baseline information and protected forest areas), forest fires, forest conditions and the protective functions of forests (water, soil and infrastructure) as well as contributing to the protection of forests against fires,
- **Innovation:** to contribute to developing and demonstrating innovative policy approaches, technologies, methods and instruments to assist in the implementation of the Environmental Technologies Action Plan (ETAP),
- **Strategic approaches:** to promote effective implementation and enforcement of Union environmental legislation and improve the knowledge base for environmental policy; to improve the environmental performance of SMEs.

3. LIFE+ Information and Communication

Principal objective: to disseminate information and raise awareness on environmental issues, including forest fire prevention; and to provide support for accompanying measures, such as information, communication actions and campaigns, conferences and training, including training on forest fire prevention.

EU Cofinancing rates

1. LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity projects

- The rate of the Union financial support shall be a maximum of 50 % of the eligible costs.
- Exceptionally, a maximum cofinancing rate up to 75 % is applicable to proposals which target priority habitats/species of the Birds' and Habitats' Directives.

2. LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance

- The rate of the Union financial support shall be a maximum of 50 % of the eligible costs.

3. LIFE+ Information and Communication

- The rate of the Union financial support shall be a maximum of 50 % of the eligible costs.

Deadline

Project proposals shall be submitted to the national competent authorities by **18 July 2011**. Project proposals shall be forwarded to the national authority of the Member State in which the beneficiary is registered. Proposals will then be submitted by the national authorities to the Commission by **9 September 2011**.

Budget involved

The overall budget for project action grants under LIFE+ in 2011 is EUR 267 431 506. At least 50 % of this amount shall be allocated to measures to support the conservation of nature and biodiversity.

The indicative national financial allocations for 2011 are as follows:

(EUR)

Member State	Allocation 2011	Member State	Allocation 2011	Member State	Allocation 2011
AT	5 173 981	FI	7 110 142	MT	2 526 420
BE	5 569 385	FR	27 037 254	NL	8 204 966
BG	8 865 830	GR	9 485 287	PL	17 763 612
CY	2 591 391	HU	6 895 995	PT	7 143 727
CZ	5 702 526	IE	4 071 357	RO	11 277 858
DK	4 622 124	IT	23 509 232	SE	8 837 155
DE	30 305 020	LT	2 936 886	SI	5 410 942
EE	3 517 197	LU	2 920 329	SK	6 152 190
ES	26 307 202	LV	2 570 998	UK	20 922 502
				Total	267 431 506

More information

More information including the application guidelines and application forms can be found on the LIFE website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

It is also possible to contact the relevant national authorities:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/contact/nationalcontact/index.htm>

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6142 — AVIC/Pacific Century Motors)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 62/08)

1. On 18 February 2011, 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 AVIC Automobile Industry Co., Ltd ('AVIC Auto', China), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aviation Industry Corporation of China ('AVIC'), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Pacific Century Motors Co., Ltd, ('PCM', China) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for undertaking AVIC Auto: design, manufacture and sale of automotive components,
- for undertaking PCM: design, manufacture and sale of steering products and half-shaft components for automotive vehicles.

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.6142 — AVIC/Pacific Century Motors, to the following address:

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

⁽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').

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

European Commission

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