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II

(Information)

INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

COMMISSION

Communication from the Commission concerning the State aid assessment criteria of the Commission communication on certain legal aspects relating to cinematographic and other audiovisual works (Cinema Communication) of 26 September 2001**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2009/C 31/01)

As announced in its 2004 ⁽¹⁾ and 2007 ⁽²⁾ Communications extending the validity of the State aid assessment criteria of the 2001 Cinema Communication ⁽³⁾, the Commission has carried out an extensive study into the economic and cultural impact of territorial spending obligations imposed in film support schemes. The study was launched on 24 August 2006 ⁽⁴⁾ and a stakeholders' workshop was held in Brussels on 6 July 2007. The results of the study were published on 22 May 2008 ⁽⁵⁾.

The final report of the study was not conclusive about the economic or cultural impact of territorial spending obligations in film support schemes, one way or the other. Therefore, the results underline the need for further reflection before proposing a modification of the existing State aid assessment criterion in the 2001 Cinema Communication concerning territorial spending obligations, compatible with the fundamental principles of the Treaty.

In the Commission's view, the current State aid assessment criteria can continue for the time being to promote cultural creation and will ensure that the aid granted to film and audiovisual production does not affect competition and trading conditions to an extent contrary to the common interest. However, a number of different trends have emerged since the 2001 Cinema Communication which will require some refinement of these criteria in due course.

These trends include support for aspects other than film and TV production (such as film distribution and digital projection), more regional film support schemes, as well as competition among some Member States to use State aid to attract inward investment from large-scale, mainly US, film production companies. These are complex issues which will require reflection with the Member States and national and regional film support bodies to develop appropriate criteria.

Consequently, the Commission has decided to continue to apply the current criteria until such time as new rules on State aid to cinematographic and other audiovisual works come into effect, or, at the latest, until 31 December 2012.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 123, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 134, 16.6.2007, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 43, 16.2.2002, p. 6.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ S 173, 12.9.2006, reference 2006/S 173-183834.

⁽⁵⁾ http://ec.europa.eu/avpolicy/info_centre/library/studies/index_en.htm#finalised

Initiation of proceedings
(Case COMP/M.5262 — Bonnier/Schibsted/Retriever Sverige)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2009/C 31/02)

On 29 January 2009, the Commission decided to initiate proceedings in the above-mentioned case after finding that the notified concentration raises serious doubts as to its compatibility with the common market. The initiation of proceedings opens a second phase investigation with regard to the notified concentration, and is without prejudice to the final decision on the case. The decision is based on Article 6(1)(c) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.

The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their observations on the proposed concentration to the Commission.

In order to be fully taken into account in the procedure, observations should reach the Commission not later than 15 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.5262 — Bonnier/Schibsted/Retriever Sverige, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
J-70
B-1049 Brussels

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.5168 — EADS/SSTL)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2009/C 31/03)

On 17 December 2008, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- from the Europa competition website (<http://ec.europa.eu/comm/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 under document number 32008M5168. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to European law (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu>).

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.5420 — Kyocera Mita/Triumph-Adler)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2009/C 31/04)

On 21 January 2009, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- from the Europa competition website (<http://ec.europa.eu/comm/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 under document number 32009M5420. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to European law (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu>).
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IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND
BODIES

COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾**6 February 2009**

(2009/C 31/05)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate
USD US dollar	1,2796	AUD Australian dollar	1,9407
JPY Japanese yen	116,7	CAD Canadian dollar	1,6001
DKK Danish krone	7,4516	HKD Hong Kong dollar	9,9228
GBP Pound sterling	0,8706	NZD New Zealand dollar	2,4684
SEK Swedish krona	10,5655	SGD Singapore dollar	1,9233
CHF Swiss franc	1,5012	KRW South Korean won	1 764,06
ISK Iceland króna		ZAR South African rand	12,7049
NOK Norwegian krone	8,773	CNY Chinese yuan renminbi	8,7453
BGN Bulgarian lev	1,9558	HRK Croatian kuna	7,4045
CZK Czech koruna	28,02	IDR Indonesian rupiah	15 067,29
EEK Estonian kroon	15,6466	MYR Malaysian ringgit	4,6053
HUF Hungarian forint	292,6	PHP Philippine peso	60,4
LTL Lithuanian litas	3,4528	RUB Russian rouble	46,4607
LVL Latvian lats	0,7035	THB Thai baht	44,818
PLN Polish zloty	4,5995	BRL Brazilian real	2,9229
RON Romanian leu	4,2575	MXN Mexican peso	18,3271
TRY Turkish lira	2,0891	INR Indian rupee	62,093

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

New national face of euro coins intended for circulation

(2009/C 31/06)



National face of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Germany

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties involved who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 8 December 2003 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a Monetary Agreement with the Community providing for issuing euro circulation coins are allowed to issue certain quantities of commemorative euro circulation coins on condition that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the technical features of normal euro circulation coins, but bear a commemorative design on the national side.

Issuing country: Germany

Subject of commemoration: Saarland

Description of the design: The inner part of the coin depicts the Saint Louis church (Ludwigskirche) in Saarbrücken. The name of the federal State 'SAARLAND' and the mintmark, represented by one of the letters 'A', 'D', 'F', 'G' or 'J', appear under the monument. The initials 'FB' of the engraver Friedrich Brenner are displayed on the right of the monument. The lower part of the outer ring of the coin features the name of the issuing country 'BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND' and the upper part bears the year '2009' and twelve stars.

Maximum number of coins to be issued: 30 million

Approximate date of issue: February 2009

Edge lettering: EINIGKEIT UND RECHT UND FREIHEIT and the federal eagle.

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national sides of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See conclusions of the General Affairs Council of 8 December 2003 on changes in the design of national sides of euro coins.

NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001

(2009/C 31/07)

Aid No: XA 278/08

Member State: France

Region: Département de la Moselle

Title of aid scheme:

Aides aux investissements pour le développement de l'utilisation des énergies renouvelables, des bioénergies et des économies d'énergies dans le secteur agricole

Legal basis:

Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Articles L 1511-2 et L 1511-5 du code général des collectivités territoriales

Délégation du Conseil général de la Moselle du 15 octobre 2007

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme: Maximum of EUR 270 000, according to need and depending on the budgetary means available

Maximum aid intensity: The amount of aid should not exceed the maximum aid intensities allowed, i.e. 40 % in non less-favoured regions and 50 % of eligible investment in less-favoured regions (and a further 10 % for young farmers)

Date of implementation: From the date of publication of the registration number of the request for exemption on the website of the Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development and subject to the corresponding funds being available

Duration of scheme: three years from the date of acknowledgement of receipt by the Commission (subject to the corresponding funds being available)

Objective and type of aid: The aim is to replace non renewable energy sources with renewable energy and bioenergy production systems to ensure the normal running of the holding while limiting the production of greenhouse gases, without selling the energy produced. Investment in the areas listed below, which will help to improve quality and preserve and improve the natural environment, will be eligible:

- exemplary projects with a positive impact on the environment and which contribute significantly to combating greenhouse gases (maximum aid EUR 20 000),

— equipment for drying hay and grain,

— heat-recovery equipment, etc.

The framework for the aid will be Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and all the rules set out therein will be complied with

Sector(s) concerned: All farms in Moselle

Name and address of the granting authority:

Monsieur le Président du Conseil général de la Moselle
Direction de l'Environnement et de l'Aménagement du Territoire
Division de l'Environnement et de l'Espace Rural (SAEN)
Hôtel du Département
1, rue du Pont Moreau
BP 11096
F-57036 METZ Cedex 1

Website:

http://www.cg57.fr/front/go.do?sid=site/environnement_1076429797630/gestion_de_l_espace/agriculture

Other information: To ensure strict compliance with the limits laid down in Community regulations for each type of aid, the level of aid will, where necessary, be reduced to the amount contributed by other public financial backers.

Aid will be restricted to farmers who have not benefited from similar aid in the previous five years, with the exception of those who have paid off the balance of previous cases

Aid No: XA 280/08

Member State: France

Region: Département de la Moselle

Title of aid scheme:

Développement des filières atypiques, démarches qualité, volets 'investissements' et 'assistance technique'

Legal basis:

Articles 4 and 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Articles L 1511-2 et L 1511-5 du code général des collectivités territoriales

Délibération du Conseil général de la Moselle du 15 octobre 2007

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme: EUR 460 000 per year, including EUR 400 000 for 'investment' and EUR 60 000 for 'technical assistance'

Maximum aid intensity:

Investment

	Beneficiaries other than young farmers	Young farmers
Areas other than less-favoured areas	40 %	50 %
Less-favoured areas and mountain areas	50 %	60 %

The maximum grant is EUR 20 000.

Technical assistance

Maximum aid will be 80 % of expenses, up to EUR 3 000 per service

Date of implementation: From the date of publication of the registration number for the request for exemption on the website of the Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development and subject to the corresponding funds being available

Duration of scheme: Three years from the date of acknowledgement of receipt by the Commission (subject to the corresponding funds being available)

Objective and type of aid: The aim is to contribute to the conversion of certain types of agricultural production in Moselle and to the development of measures to improve quality at the level of primary production. Initiatives enabling the emergence of new lines of production that create added value on agricultural holdings, innovative projects and projects for atypical lines will be promoted. The framework for some of the measures will be Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and for others (preparatory studies) Article 15

Sector(s) concerned: All agricultural holdings in Moselle

Name and address of the granting authority:

Monsieur le Président du Conseil général de la Moselle
Direction de l'Environnement et de l'Aménagement du Territoire
Division de l'Environnement et de l'Espace Rural (SAEN)
Hôtel du Département
1, rue du Pont Moreau
BP 11096
F-57036 METZ Cedex 1

Website:

http://www.cg57.fr/front/go.do?sid=site/environnement_1076429797630/gestion_de_l_espace/agriculture

Other information: To ensure strict compliance with the limits laid down in Community regulations for each type of aid, the level of aid will, where necessary, be reduced to the amount contributed by other public financial backers.

Aid will be restricted to producer groups that have not benefited from similar aid in the previous five years and to those that have paid off the balance of previous cases

Aid No: XA 282/08

Member State: France

Region: Département de la Moselle

Title of aid scheme:

Diagnostic-conseil pour optimiser les investissements matériels et réduire les coûts de mécanisation (assistance technique)

Legal basis:

Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Article L 1511-2 et L 1511-5 du code général des collectivités territoriales

Délibération du Conseil général de la Moselle du 15 octobre 2007

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme: Maximum expenditure of EUR 68 000, according to need and depending on the budgetary means available

Maximum aid intensity: Maximum rate of aid is 80 %, within the following limits:

- EUR 400 for consultancy diagnosis relating to equipment,
- EUR 500 for consultancy diagnosis relating to the reduction of mechanisation costs

Date of implementation: From the date of publication of the registration number for the request for exemption on the website of the Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development and subject to the corresponding funds being available

Duration of scheme: Three years from the date of acknowledgement of receipt by the Commission (subject to the corresponding funds being available)

Objective and type of aid: The aim is to help farmers, through consultancy diagnoses and training, to optimise their tangible investments by making relevant choices with a greater emphasis on the protection and management of natural resources.

All of the conditions set out in Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 will be complied with

Sector(s) concerned: All agricultural holdings in Moselle (farmers, groups of farmers and cooperatives for the use of agricultural equipment (CUMA))

Name and address of the granting authority:

Monsieur le Président du Conseil général de la Moselle
Direction de l'Environnement et de l'Aménagement du Territoire
Division de l'Environnement et de l'Espace Rural (SAEN)
Hôtel du Département
1, rue du Pont Moreau
BP 11096
F-57036 METZ Cedex 1

Website:

http://www.cg57.fr/front/go.do?sid=site/environnement_1076429797630/gestion_de_l_espace/agriculture

Other information: To ensure strict compliance with the limits laid down in Community regulations for each type of aid, the level of aid will, where necessary, be reduced to the amount contributed by other public financial backers.

Aid will be restricted to farmers who have not benefited from similar aid in the previous five years, with the exception of those who have paid off the balance of previous cases

Aid No: XA 348/08

Member State: The Netherlands

Region: Provincie Fryslân

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid:

Name of beneficiary:

S. Jelsma, Mienskerwei 2, 9262 SM Suameer, Nederland

Legal basis:

Kadersubsidieverordening Inrichting Landelijk Gebied Provincie Fryslân 2007

Subsidieverordening Inrichting Landelijk Gebied Provincie Fryslân 2007, Hoofdstuk 1.3. Subsidie agrarische bedrijfsverplaatsing (blz 28).

www.fryslan.nl/pmjp (landbouw, Kadersubsidieverordening Inrichting Landelijk Gebied Provincie Fryslân 2007)

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: —

Maximum one-off aid: EUR 178 925

Maximum aid intensity: The subsidy is being granted in accordance with Article 6(3) and (4) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006. As the holding is located in a less-favoured area within the meaning of Article 2(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006, the maximum aid intensity is 50 %.

Relocation is taking place in the public interest, namely in the context of developing the National Ecological Network (EHS) and improving agricultural structures, and will provide the farmer with more modern facilities and increase his production capacity. The total eligible costs are EUR 357 850, of which 50 % qualifies for aid. The costs are incurred as a result of increasing the capacity of the milk cooling tank, increasing the area covered by silage storage slabs and extending general-purpose business premises, and of creating more modern implement storage facilities, a more modern cubicle shed and more extensive hard-surfacing

Date of implementation: 1 November 2008, or after receiving confirmation of receipt (incl. identification number) from the Commission

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The final instalment will be paid by November 2010 at the latest

Objective of the aid: Support for small and medium-sized undertakings. Secondary objective: relocation of agricultural holdings in the public interest, namely in the context of developing the National Ecological Network (EHS) and improving agricultural structures. Use is being made of the possibility provided for in Article 6 to relocate farm buildings in the public interest, and relocation will result in more modern facilities and an increase in production capacity

Sector(s) concerned: Agriculture

Subsector: Dairy farming

Name and address of the granting authority:

Provincie Fryslân (Friesland)
Sneekertrekweg 1
Leeuwarden
Postbus 20120
8900 HM Leeuwarden
Nederland

Website:

www.fryslan.nl/regelgevingeuropa

Username: europa

Password: regelgeving

Details of the scheme and a map of less-favoured areas can be found at: www.fryslan.nl/pmjp (landbouw, Kadersubsidieverordening Inrichting Landelijk Gebied Provincie Fryslân 2007)

Aid No: XA 407/08

Member State: United Kingdom

Region: Northern Ireland

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid:

Northern Ireland Fallen Stock Scheme

Legal basis:

The scheme is non-statutory.

Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption requires Member States to ensure adequate arrangements are in place to enable animal by-products to be disposed of in accordance with the Regulation

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company:

1 December 2008-31 March 2009: GBP 0,24 million.

Total: GBP 0,24 million

Maximum aid intensity: The aid intensity for transport costs of having carcases of fallen stock collected from holdings by an approved contractor is up to 100 % in accordance with Article 16(d) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

The aid intensity for the disposal costs of rendering or incineration of carcases by an approved contractor is up to 75 % in accordance with Article 16(d) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Date of implementation: 1 December 2008 or on publication of the scheme on the Commission's website, whichever is later

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The scheme will commence on 1 December 2008 or on publication of the scheme on the Commission's website, whichever is later. The scheme will close on 31 March 2009. The last date for applications will be 31 March 2009

Objective of aid: The scheme objective is the same as that of the National Fallen Stock Scheme (United Kingdom) XA 168/07 which closes in November 2008 i.e. To provide a State-aided voluntary subscription system for collection and disposal of fallen stock in compliance with Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002.

However, the aid element notified in this new scheme is limited to Northern Irish SMEs active in the production of livestock for the collection and disposal of fallen stock in Northern Ireland only

Name and address of the granting authority:

The statutory body responsible for the scheme is:

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Environmental Policy Branch
Room 654
Dundonald House
Upper Newtownards Road
BT4 3SB Belfast
Northern Ireland

The organisation operating the scheme is:

The National Fallen Stock Company Ltd
Stuart House
City Road
PE1 1QF Peterborough

Website:

<http://nfsc.co.uk/news/press-releases/northern-ireland-members/>

Other information: The National Fallen Stock Scheme (United Kingdom) XA 168/07 closes in November 2008. The scheme now notified applies to SMEs in Northern Ireland only.

The Commission are also invited to note that:

- the National Fallen Stock Company currently charges an annual membership fee of GBP 28 per annum to members of the National Fallen Stock Scheme (United Kingdom) XA 168/07. From 1 December 2008 they propose instead to charge members a small administration fee for the months in which they actually avail of the scheme,
- that it is expected that a modified National Fallen Stock Scheme will be notified for the rest of the UK in January 2009.

Further and more detailed information relating to eligibility and rules for the scheme can be found in the web link above

Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001

(2009/C 31/08)

Aid No: XA 350/08

Member State: Finland

Region: Finland

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid:

Maataloustuotteiden markkinoinnin ja tuotannon avustaminen

Legal basis:

Valtionavustuslaki (2001/688) 6-8 §

Valtioneuvoston asetus maataloustuotteiden markkinoinnin ja tuotannon kehittämisen avustamisesta (606/2008)

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: A total annual budget of EUR 3 million. The aid will apply in the years 2009-2013

Maximum aid intensity: 100 %

Date of implementation: 1.1.2009

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: 31.12.2013

Objective of aid: The aid is granted to registered public associations or other public-sector bodies. The final beneficiary is a farmer deemed to be an SME engaged in primary production.

The aid is based on Article 15

Sector(s) concerned:

NACE code

A1 — Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities

Annex I goods

Name and address of the granting authority:

Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö
PL 30
FI-00023 Valtioneuvosto

Website:

http://www.mmm.fi/fi/index/etusivu/maatalous/tuet/markkinoinnin_kehittaminen.html

Other information: The aid is granted and administered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. The aid amounts to EUR 3 million per year, i.e. a total of EUR 15 million in the years 2009 to 2013 inclusive. Aid can be granted to large

national agricultural marketing and production development projects, which emphasize awareness of the quality of agricultural products, food culture, or healthy eating habits and associated information exchange.

A project may involve activities to develop marketing and production, such as the provision of information, studies, training and advisory services for farmers, information exchanges between food business operators, fairs and exhibitions. A project's target groups may be farmers, consumers or those involved in the food business such as professional kitchens, educational institutions, the media or nutrition experts.

The aid works in such a way that non-profit making bodies use the aid they receive to activate other target groups such as consumers or projects of benefit to farmers. For example, a project providing information on the nutritional benefits of a product may target consumers but the farmers producing the products in question may also benefit indirectly in that this kind of information can increase the product's value and so indirectly also increase its consumption.

Projects must not mention a product's origin, individual products or brands and they must comply with the Act on Discretionary Government Transfers. These measures are designed to ensure that there is no distortion of competition.

Aid intensity: The 100 % aid intensity provided for under Community rules is limited by Section 6 of the Finnish Act on Discretionary Government Transfers, under which payment of full compensation is possible only where justifiable and necessary to achieve the aid's objectives.

Publicity

Publicity could involve, for example, food seasons and topics that increase consumer interest in foods that promote health and well-being. In addition to this recipes may also be published in an electronic cookery book or through the mass media, for instance.

Other activities might be briefings, seminars, visits and exhibitions on topical subjects relating to agri-food production for food, consumer or financial journalists and schools.

Websites and online study materials (which may also be in printed form) can also be developed, providing information on honey production, processing, properties and use, for example.

The 'nurses campaign' aims to improve knowledge of good nutrition on the part of public health nurses and parents and to steer the nutritional behaviour of families with children by providing information and tools in support of food choices that promote health and well-being.

School canteens and other similar canteens can provide information on issues relating to the use of organic products. Publicity may also require various background studies such as strategy work, market research or study tours.

Training

Training for farmers includes training on mushroom and berry picking, involving for example an examination on two to four plants or fungi at a time, those who successfully pass the examination having it noted on their 'mushroom and berry picking card'. Mushroom and berry picking courses can be organised only at those times of the year when the products undergoing study are available in the wild.

Farmers need information, for example, on the characteristics of organic products in order to be able to develop production. To promote this objective, training will be organised in collaboration with industry bodies.

Exchange of information

Exchanges of information may involve the organisation of fairs, presentations, competitions or other activities promoting the exchange of information between food-industry operators, and participation therein.

Advice

Aid may also be granted to advisory services for farmers

Aid No: XA 353/08

Member State: Finland

Region: Whole country

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid:

Elintarviketalouden laatuajurjestelmien kehittäminen

Legal basis:

Valtionavustuslaki (688/2001), Valtioneuvoston asetus elintarviketalouden laatuajurjestelmien kehittämisen avustamisesta (638/2008)

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme: EUR 1,2 million/year. The aid will apply in the years 2009-2013

Maximum aid intensity: The 100 % aid intensity provided for under Community rules is limited by Section 6 of the Finnish Act on Discretionary Government Transfers, under which payment of full compensation is possible only where justifiable and necessary to achieve the aid's objectives

Date of implementation: 1.1.2009

Duration of aid scheme: 31.12.2013

Objective of aid: The aid is granted to registered public associations and organizations, government authorities or other public-sector bodies. The final beneficiary is a farmer deemed to be an SME engaged in primary production.

The scheme comes under Article 15(2)(a), (c), (d) and (e) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Sector(s) concerned:

NACE code

A1 — Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities

Annex I goods

Name and address of the granting authority:

Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö
PL 30
FI-00023 Valtioneuvosto

Website:

<http://www.laatuketju.fi/laatuketju/www/fi/hankkeet/index.php>

www.finlex.fi

Other information: The aid is granted and administered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. The aid amounts to EUR 1,2 million per year, i.e. a total of EUR 6 million in the years 2009 to 2013 inclusive. Aid can be granted for national development projects implementing the food quality strategy coordinated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. The projects must improve the competitiveness of the food industry, strengthen its social accountability (including the development of traceability systems and compliance with ethics policies) and increase consumer awareness of the food industry's activities.

A project may be implemented in the form of measures either to improve the quality of agri-food products or operations or to foster agri-food value chains, examples being information provision, studies, training and advice for agricultural producers or the organisation of information exchanges between those working in the agri-food industry. Project target groups can include agricultural producers, consumers or those involved in the food business such as professional kitchens, educational institutions, the media and nutrition experts. The final beneficiary is a farmer deemed to be an SME engaged in primary production.

The aid system works in such a way that the beneficiaries (registered associations and organizations, research institutes, government authorities and other public bodies) use the support provided to implement national projects often of benefit to the entire food chain. For example, projects publicising the work undertaken to improve product quality in a given production sector may target consumers. In addition to consumers, however, a project may indirectly benefit the farmers producing the products in question. This kind of information can increase confidence in both production and the product while at the same time increasing the product's value, so indirectly increasing its consumption.

Projects must not mention a product's origin, individual products or brands and they must comply with the Act on Discretionary Government Transfers. These measures are designed to ensure that there is no distortion of competition.

The 100 % aid intensity provided for under Community rules is limited by Section 6 of the Finnish Act on Discretionary Government Transfers, under which payment of full compensation is possible only where justifiable and necessary to achieve the aid's objectives.

Publicity

Publicity may not include advertising.

The following activities constitute authorised publicity:

- press articles and releases (e.g. on new ways to ensure the welfare of domestic animals or on electronic data exchange systems for monitoring the production of agricultural products),
- riefings, seminars, visits and exhibitions on topical subjects relating to agri-food production for food, consumer or financial journalists and schools,
- the development of websites and online study materials, which may also be in printed form (e.g. hygiene requirements for berry picking, ensuring that cereals are disease-free, animal welfare provisions, farming practices consistent with sustainable development or consumer rights and expectations), and
- publicity for professional kitchens (canteens in schools or other similar establishments), e.g. matters relating to the purchase of locally sourced products.

Publicity may also require various background studies such as strategy work, market research or study tours.

Training

Training for producers of agricultural products may involve, for example, hygiene training for berry pickers during which they become familiar with good hygiene practice for picking and transport. It may also cover, for instance, animal health inspection and electronic recording.

Exchange of information

Exchanges of information may involve the organisation of presentations, competitions or other activities promoting the exchange of information between food-industry operators, and participation therein.

Advice

The aid may also be granted to advisory services for producers of agricultural products

Aid No: XA 398/08

Member State: United Kingdom

Region: North-East England

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid:

Living North Pennines

Legal basis:

National Heritage Act (1980)

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company:
GBP 76 508

Maximum aid intensity: The aid intensity is up to 100 % which will be used for the real costs incurred as regards to investment or capital works intended for the conservation of non-productive heritage features located on agricultural holdings. The aid will be paid in line with Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Date of implementation: The scheme will start on 28 November 2008 or on publication of the scheme by the European Commission, whichever is later

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The scheme will start on 28 November 2008 or on publication of the scheme by the European Commission, whichever is later. It will close on the 31 December 2010. The last payment will be made on 31 December 2010

Objective of aid: The aid is for capital works intended for the conservation of a non-productive heritage feature located on the agricultural holdings. The work to be carried out includes restoration of the walls of the structure by repairing and re-pointing and underpinning of the structure to prevent it from falling down. This is in accordance with Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Sector(s) concerned: Agriculture — The farm business must be classified as an SME as defined in Article 2(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Name and address of the granting authority:

Heritage Lottery Fund
St Nicholas Building
St Nicholas Street
NE1 1RF Newcastle Upon Tyne
United Kingdom

The statutory body responsible for the scheme is:

Durham County Council
County Hall
DH1 5UL Durham
United Kingdom

The organisation operating the scheme is:

The North Pennines AONB Partnership
Weardale Business Centre
The Old Co-op Building
1 Martin Street
Stanhope
DL13 2UY County Durham
United Kingdom

Website:

<http://www.northpennines.org.uk/getmedia.cfm?mediaid=11391>

Other information: Further and more detailed information relating to eligibility and rules for the scheme can be found in the web links above

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)

(2009/C 31/09)

Member State	Spain
Concerned route	Canary Islands (Gran Canaria-Tenerife North and South, Gran Canaria-Fuerte Ventura, Lanzarote, El Hierro, Tenerife North and South-La Gomera-La Palma, La Palma-Lanzarote)
Date of entry into force of the public service obligations	Date of publication of this notice
Address where the text and any relevant information and/or documentation related to the public service obligation can be obtained	Dirección General de Aviación Civil Sudirección General de Transporte Aéreo Area de Explotación Tel.: (34-91) 59 77 505 Fax (34-91) 59 78 643 E-mail: mmederos@fomento.es

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(Announcements)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

COMMISSION

Call for proposals 2009 — Preparatory Action MEDIA International

(2009/C 31/10)

1. Objectives and description

The Preparatory Action MEDIA International is intended to examine and test cooperation activities between European film professionals and professionals of third countries. It covers:

- support for training,
- support for distribution,
- support for promotion,
- support for the development of cinema networks,
- support for increasing audience demand.

Under the Work Programme for the Preparatory Action MEDIA International for 2009, the Commission hereby invites candidates to submit proposals.

2. Eligible candidates

The call is open to proposals from legal entities in the 27 EU Member States and any third country. The specific conditions are set out in the Work Programme for the Preparatory Action MEDIA International for 2009.

3. Budget for projects

The maximum amount available under this call for proposals is EUR 4,96 million.

The financial support from the Commission cannot exceed 50 %, 75 % or 80 % of the total eligible costs, depending on the nature of the activity.

The financial contribution will be awarded in the form of a grant.

4. Evaluation and selection

Proposals received will be evaluated by the Commission with the assistance of independent experts. The criteria used in the evaluation are defined in the Work Programme for the Preparatory Action MEDIA International for 2009. Proposals that are successful in the evaluation process will be ranked in terms of quality.

The process for the evaluation of applications for grants awarded by the Commission is set out in the Financial Regulation applicable to the General Budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1).

5. **Deadline for submission of applications**

Applications must be sent at the latest by **2 June 2009** to:

Ms Aviva Silver
European Commission
Directorate-General Information Society and Media
Directorate A — Audiovisual, Media and Internet
Unit A2 — MEDIA programme and media literacy
Office BU33 02/005
B-1049 Brussels

6. **Full details**

The full text of the call for proposals, together with the Work Programme for the Preparatory Action MEDIA International for 2009, guidelines and application forms, can be found at the following Internet address:

<http://ec.europa.eu/media>

Applications must comply with all the terms of the call for proposals and be submitted on the form provided.

MEDIA 2007 — DEVELOPMENT, DISTRIBUTION, PROMOTION AND TRAINING**Call for proposals — EACEA/36/08****Support for the networking and mobility of students and trainers in Europe**

(2009/C 31/11)

1. Objectives and description

This notice of a call for proposals is based on Decision No 1718/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006 concerning the implementation of a programme of support for the European audiovisual sector (MEDIA 2007).

One of the objectives of the programme is to encourage exchanges and cooperation, in supporting the networking of European training players, in particular Higher education institutions, training organisations and partners of the audiovisual sector and to encourage the mobility of students and trainers in Europe.

2. Eligible applicants

This notice is aimed at pan-European consortia of Higher education institutions, training organisations and partners from the audiovisual sector whose activities contribute to the attainment of the above objectives of the MEDIA programme as described in the Council Decision.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries:

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

3. Eligible actions

The following actions and their activities, taking place in the MEDIA countries, are eligible:

Actions aiming at developing the capacity of future audiovisual professionals to understand and integrate a **European dimension** to their work by improving expertise in the following fields:

- training in economic, financial and commercial management,
- training in new audiovisual technologies,
- training in script project development.

The duration of the action (= duration of eligibility of costs) is of 12 months (up to 18 months maximum when fully justified).

The action must occur between 1 September 2009 and 30 June 2011.

4. Award criteria

Points will be allocated to eligible applications out of a total of 100 on the basis of the following weighing:

- quality of the content of the activity (20 points),
- project management (20 points),
- quality of the consortium (20 points),
- European dimension (20 points),
- impact (20 points).

5. Budget

The total budget available is EUR 1 900 000.

The financial contribution awarded is a subsidy. The financial support from the Commission cannot exceed 50 % or 75 % of the total eligible costs.

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

6. **Deadline for submission of applications**

Applications must be submitted to the Executive Agency (EACEA) no later than **27 March 2009** and at the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Agency (EACEA)
Call for proposals EACEA 36/2008/'MEDIA Support for the networking and mobility of students and trainers in Europe'
Mr Constantin Daskalakis
BOUR 03/30
Avenue du Bourget 1
B-1140 Brussels

Only applications submitted on the official application form, duly signed by the person entitled to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organisation will be accepted.

Applications sent by fax or e-mail will be rejected.

7. **Full details**

The full text of the guidelines together with the application forms can be found at the following Internet address:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/exhibit/index_en.htm

Applications must comply with all terms of the guidelines, be submitted on the forms provided and containing all the information and annexes specified in the full text of the call.

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITION POLICY

COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.5475 — Atlantia/Acciona/Itínere Chilean assets)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2009/C 31/12)

1. On 30 January 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Atlantia S.p.A. (Italy) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation and together with the undertaking Acciona (Spain), joint control of part of the undertaking Itínere (Spain).

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for undertaking Atlantia: toll motorways in Italy and abroad,
- for undertaking Acciona: infrastructures, energy, water and concession services,
- for undertaking Itínere: the assets to which the notification refers are toll motorways in Chile.

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

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5475 — Atlantia/Acciona/Itínere Chilean assets, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
J-70
B-1049 Brussels

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.

Communication from the Minister for Economic Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the basis of Article 3(2) of Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons

(2009/C 31/13)

The Minister for Economic Affairs hereby gives notice that an application has been received for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons.

The area covered by the application is in the province of North Brabant and is bounded as follows:

- (a) a straight line running from vertex P to vertex A up to the intersection of that line with the line that forms the middle of the river Amer, near vertex B;
- (b) then the line that forms the middle of the river Amer and after that the Bergsche Maas from the intersection referred to in 'a)' to vertex C, located in the middle of the Bergsche Maas;
- (c) then straight lines between vertex pairs C-D and D-E;
- (d) then a straight line running from vertex E to vertex F up to the intersection with the line that forms the middle of the river Amer, near vertex F;
- (e) then a line that forms the middle of the Bergsche Maas from the intersection referred to in 'd)' to the vertex where that line intersects with the line of the coordinate $x = 137100,00$, near vertex G;
- (f) then the border between the provinces of Gelderland and North Brabant from the intersection referred to in 'e)' up to the intersection with the line from vertex J to vertex I, near vertex H;
- (g) then a straight line from the intersection referred to in 'f)' to vertex I;
- (h) then a straight line from vertex I to vertex J up to the intersection with the line between the vertices with the coordinates $x = 164000,00$, $y = 421000,00$ and $x = 189000,00$, $y = 373000,00$, near vertex K;
- (i) then a straight line from the intersection referred to in 'h)' to the intersection of the straight line from vertex N to vertex M with the line between the vertices with the coordinates $x = 164000,00$, $y = 421000,00$ and $x = 189000,00$, $y = 373000,00$, near vertex L;
- (j) then a straight line between the intersection referred to in 'i)' and vertex M;
- (k) then straight lines between vertex pairs M-N, N-O and O-P.

The coordinates of the vertices referred to are as follows:

Vertex	X	Y
A	115338.00	413290.00
B	115338.00	413678.55
C	120700.00	414650.00
D	120000.00	418500.00
E	135000.00	418500.00
F	136200.28	416299.48
G	137100.00	416580.00
H	153173.00	419368.00
I	153329.00	419368.00
J	162400.00	419368.00
K	164850.00	419368.00

Vertex	X	Y
L	187645.83	375600.00
M	186939.00	375600.00
N	151430.00	375600.00
O	130074.00	390264.00
P	115338.00	390264.00

The area bounded by the following vertices and the straight lines between them does not form part of the area described above:

Vertex	X	Y
1	130074.00	416300.00
2	130074.00	416300.00
3	130074.00	393000.00
4	130074.00	393000.00

The coordinates are expressed in accordance with the national triangulation system ('RD').

On the basis of this description of the boundaries, the surface area is 2 026 km².

With reference to the Directive mentioned in the introduction and Article 15 of the Mining Act (*Mijnbouwwet*) (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees (*Staatsblad*) 2002, No 542), the Minister for Economic Affairs hereby invites interested parties to submit a competing application for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in the area bounded by the above-mentioned vertices and coordinates.

The Minister for Economic Affairs is the competent authority for the granting of authorisations. The criteria, conditions and requirements referred to in Articles 5(1), 5(2) and 6(2) of the abovementioned Directive are set out in the Mining Act (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 2002, No 542).

Applications may be submitted during the 13 weeks following the publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union* and should be sent to:

De Minister van Economische Zaken
ter attentie van J.C. De Groot, directeur Energiemarkt
ALP A/562
Bezuidenhoutseweg 30
Postbus 20101
2500 EC Den Haag
Nederland

Applications received after the expiry of this period will not be considered.

A decision on the applications will be taken not later than 12 months after this period has expired.

Further information can be obtained by calling Mr E.J. Hoppel on the following telephone number: (31-70) 379 77 62.

NOTE TO THE READER

The institutions have decided no longer to quote in their texts the last amendment to cited acts.

Unless otherwise indicated, references to acts in the texts published here are to the version of those acts currently in force.