

SESSIONS

DAY ONE: SYSTEM AND CONCEPT OF STATE AID - 01/12/2020

State Aid Immersion Course

1 December - 3 December 2020

Virtual Conference

Delivered Live (UK Time) & On-Demand Afterwards

Registration

08:30 - 09:00

1. Introduction

09:00 - 09:30

- Overview and welcome to the course
 - Basic overview of the CMA's State aid role
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2. System and legal framework for State aid control

09:30 - 10:30

- State aid in EU law
 - State aid modernisation
 - Instruments used for the assessment of aid (including block exemptions, Communications and guidance)
 - Roles of the European Commission, Member States and beneficiaries
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Morning Coffee Break

10:30 - 10:45

3. Concept and notion of State aid

10:45 - 12:00

- Criteria for State aid under Article 107 TFEU
 - Undertakings as recipients of aid
 - Economic advantage
 - Selectivity
 - Distortion of competition
 - Effect on trade
 - Video practical exercise: Does the measure constitute aid?
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4. Market transactions and State aid

12:00 - 13:00

- State as an economic agent and public authority
 - Investments on market terms
 - Sale of public assets
 - Practical exercise: Market Economy Operator Principle in practice
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Lunch

13:00 - 14:00

5. Compatibility of State aid

14:00 - 15:15

- State aid, competition policy and the internal market
 - Aid which is compatible/ may be compatible
 - Assessment of compatibility
 - Practical exercise: Identifying funding gaps
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Coffee Break

15:15 - 15:30

6. State aid procedures

15:30 - 16:45

Notification

- New and existing aid
- Notification procedure under Regulation 2015/1589
- Formal investigation procedure

Recovery of aid

- Recovery of unlawful and misused aid
 - Decisions ordering recovery of unlawful aid
 - Recovery of unlawful aid in national courts
 - Practical exercise: Recovery of unlawful aid
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7. Judicial review

16:45 - 17:20

- Admissibility
 - Grounds of review
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Conclusion of Day One and Lessons Learnt

17:20 - 17:30

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8. De Minimis Regulation

09:00 - 10:00

- Regulation 1407/2013 in practice
 - Thresholds and cumulation rules
 - Practical exercise: Applying the de Minimis Regulation
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9. Services of General Economic Interest

10:00 - 11:15

- Notion of SGEI
 - SGEI 2012 Package
 - Altmark criteria
 - Calculating compensation
 - Notification of SGEI aid
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Morning Coffee Break

11:15 - 11:30

10. Workshop: SGEI in specific sectors

11:30 - 13:00

Examples and application of SGEI in the social housing, health and transport sectors

Lunch

13:00 - 14:00

11. General Block Exemption Regulation

14:00 - 15:00

- Common and specific provisions in the GBER
 - Thresholds
 - Incentive effect
 - Cumulation rules
 - Categories of exempted aid
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Coffee Break

15:00 - 15:15

12. Workshop: Application of the GBER in practice

15:15 - 16:00

- Identifying when a project meets the requirements of the GBER
- Practical challenges when applying the GBER

13. The role of economics and financial analysis in State aid assessment

16:00 - 17:20

Conclusion of Day 2 and Lessons Learnt

17:20 - 17:30

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08:30 - 09:00

14. Research and development and innovation

09:00 - 10:00

- Commission policy on R&D&I aid
 - R&D&I framework for State aid
 - GBER rules
 - Practical exercise: R&D&I activities
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15. Rescue and Restructuring aid

10:00 - 10:35

- Commission policy on rescue and restructuring aid
 - Compatibility criteria in R&R guidelines
 - Rescue aid
 - Restructuring aid
 - Rescue and restructuring aid schemes for SMEs
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16. Regional aid

10:35 - 11:15

- Commission policy on regional aid
 - Assisted areas
 - Regional aid under the GBER
 - Compatibility criteria
 - Notification of regional aid
 - Practical exercise: Regional aid
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Morning Coffee Break

11:15 - 11:30

17. Taxation

11:30 - 12:15

- Selectivity and derogation from normal taxation
- Taxation and regional autonomy
- Special taxes
- Harmful taxes

Recent case experience

18. Environmental protection

12:15 - 13:00

- Commission policy on State aid for environmental protection
 - Compatibility under the Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and energy
 - Practical exercise: Categories of aid for environmental protection
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Lunch

13:00 - 14:00

19. Sector-specific aid

14:00 - 15:45

Part 1: Energy

- Energy conservation
- Nuclear energy
- Security of supply
- Electricity
- Emissions trading
- Practical exercise: State aid in the energy sector

Part 2: Financial

- State aid and the financial crisis
- State guarantees for financial institutions
- Recapitalisation
- Restructuring of financial institutions

Part 3: Media and communications

- Public broadcasting
 - Digital broadcasting
 - Films and audiovisual works
 - Interplay with media plurality
 - Postal services
 - Practical exercise: State aid in specific sectors
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Coffee Break

15:45 - 16:00

20. UK's future subsidy control regime in an international context

16:00 - 17:00

- What will be the UK approach?
 - Role of the devolved institutions
 - Differences between State aid and WTO rules
 - Experience of State aid regimes in third countries
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Concluding Panel

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