

Future Energy and Climate Change Policies under the New State Aid Guidelines

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Introduction

Target group

The seminar is designed for officials from central and regional ministries and/or other authorities dealing with state aid, energy and climate change issues, as well as managers from public or private enterprises who may be involved in the formulation and implementation of energy and climate change-related state aid schemes under the new energy and environment guidelines.

Description

The primary objective of state aid control in the field of energy and climate change is to ensure that public funding leads to a higher level of environmental protection than without aid. The positive effects of the aid have to outweigh negative effects in terms of distortions of competition. The European Commission has launched new EU Guidelines on state aid for environment and energy, which are applicable since 1 July 2014.

This two-day seminar presents the different conditions and procedures under which state aid for sustainable energy measures can be granted, and the objectives and developments of the European Union's policy in this field. The seminar will go into the details of specific issues which

are covered by the new guidelines, e.g. renewable energy, capacity mechanism, bidding procedures and feed-in-tariffs, resource adequacy, demand-side management and energy efficiency. It will also offer a forum for open discussions with national experts and Commission representatives on the expectations of the impact of the new guidelines.

Learning methodology

The seminar will use a mixture of training methods. The lectures are given by EIPA experts, Commission officials, Member State representatives and other experts. The speakers will have different backgrounds so as to provide a variety of views and perspectives. Each speaker will prepare comprehensive documentation for distribution to the participants. EIPA will provide the participants with the relevant background material and documentation.

Objectives

By the end of the seminar, participants will have improved their practical knowledge on how to design state aid schemes in the field of energy and climate change policy. They will be up to date with the ongoing discussions in Brussels, as well as understanding the changes that will have repercussions on national state aid policies.

Programme

THURSDAY 28 MAY 2015

- 08.30 **Registration of participants**
- 09.00 **Welcome and introduction**
Mr Martin Unfried, Expert, European Policies Unit, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
- Part I The state aid framework: general issues**
- 09.30 **State aid and the EU energy and climate change policy: renewables, energy efficiency and the low carbon economy**
Martin Unfried
- 10.15 **The new environmental and energy state aid guidelines and general block exemption regulation**
Maria Kleis, Client Earth, Brussels (BE)
- 11.15 Coffee Break
- 11.45 **Cost calculation under the new guidelines**
Melvin Könings, Lysias Consulting, Amersfoort (NL)
- 13.00 Lunch
- Part II Promoting renewables**
- 14.00 **Renewables in the new guidelines and the GBER**
Ronald van de Ven, European Commission, DG Competition, Brussels (BE) (invited)
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.30 **Positive and negative aspects of bidding procedures**
Jenny Winkler, Competence Centre Energy Policy and Energy Markets, Fraunhofer Institute, Karlsruhe (DE)
- 16.30 **Final debate**
- 17.00 **End of first day**
- 17.45 Reception at Hotel Derlon
O.L. Vrouweplein 6, Maastricht

FRIDAY 29 MAY 2015

- Part III Resource adequacy**
- 09.30 **What is resource adequacy and how can it be achieved?**
Sarah Keay-Bright, The Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP), Brussels (BE) (invited)
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 **Assessing the state aid compatibility of resource adequacy measures (e.g. capacity measures)**
Maria Kleis
- 12.00 **The Danish answer to fluctuating wind energy and recent developments in the field of state aid**
Dorte Wied Christensen, The Danish Energy Agency (DEA), Copenhagen (DK)
- 13.00 Lunch
- Part IV Demand-side management**
- 14.30 **Demand-side management: using the full potential of the EU's demand response and energy efficiency capacity**
Sarah Keay-Bright
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 15.45 **Promoting energy efficiency through state aid?**
Maria Kleis
- 16.45 **Final discussion**
- 17.15 **End of seminar**

General Information

Programme

The programme will commence on Thursday, 28 May at 09.00 and will finish on Friday 29 May at 17.15.

Seminar venue

The seminar will take place at the European Institute of Public Administration, O.L. Vrouweplein 22, NL-6211 HE Maastricht, tel.: +31 43 32 96 222, fax: +31 43 32 96 296.

Working language

The seminar will be conducted in English.

Fee

The participation fee is €950 and includes documentation, two lunches, one reception and refreshments. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

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- **Townhouse Hotel**
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- **Hotel Derlon**
www.derlon.com/business/eipa-goes-derlon
- **Designhotel Maastricht – Hampshire Eden**
www.hampshire-hotels.com/eipa

Meals

Lunches and the reception will be served at Hotel Derlon. Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser so that this can be arranged.

Registration

Kindly complete the registration form and return it before **6 May 2015** to Ms Winny Curfs, Programme Organiser, European Institute of Public Administration, P.O. Box 1229, NL-6201 BE Maastricht, tel.: +31 43 32 96 320, fax: +31 43 32 96 296, e-mail: w.curfs@eipa.eu.

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The fee includes participation in the seminar, documentation, two lunches, one reception and beverages **€950**

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