



State aid enabling conditions

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Ex-ante conditionalities 2014-2020

- Member States to put in place arrangements:
 - For the effective application of State aid rules
 - For training and dissemination of information for staff implementing ESIF
 - To ensure administrative capacity for implementation and application of State aid rules
- HEC intended to advance progress made 2014-2020

HEC on State aid for 2020-2027

- Managing authorities should have tools and capacity to verify compliance with State aid rules through:
 1. Easy and comprehensive access to information on undertakings in difficulty and under a recovery requirement
 2. Access to expert advice and guidance on State aid matters, provided by a local or national expert centre

Tools and capacity to verify

- MS can choose how they wish to use to fulfil the condition
- Must demonstrate effectiveness of chosen method
- Describe the system
- Describe the verification process

1. Access to information on undertakings in difficulties or under recovery requirement

- Necessity to identify them as they have a “specific” restrictive treatment under SA rules
- This criterion merely formalises the need for MA to have access to verification information

Examples of verification methods

Undertakings in difficulty

Self-declarations !NB only if system of verification!

- MS checks (random or systematic)
- Attach financial data

External auditor declarations

Centralised company registers

Subject to recovery order

MS responsible for recovery – should already be aware

EC informs MS when aid has been repaid (regularly updated webpage)

Self-declarations (NB system of verification)

2. Expert advice and guidance

- Often central government has SA experts
- Access for Managing Authorities to SA guidance
- Examples:
 - Network of SA experts within regions
 - Centralised SA unit, cooperating with MA
 - SA contact points within ministries

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Thank you



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