

## **JASPERS Networking Platform**

### **Seminar: State Aid Legal Framework for the 2014-2020 programming period**

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**Date:**                    **8<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Location:**                **European Commission**  
**DG Competition – MADO Building**  
Place Madou 1  
1210 BRUSSELS

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#### **Description of the seminar**

The aim of the seminar is to provide a detailed overview of the State Aid legal framework for the 2014-2020 programming period, following the State aid reform programme started in 2012 with the EC Communication on State aid modernisation.

The target group of the seminar are representatives from managing authorities, line ministries, national state aid offices and other concerned authorities that are or will be dealing with state aid issues related to projects and programmes to be financed under the EU Structural and Investment funds (ESIF).

Participants will benefit from direct exposure with representatives from DG REGIO, DG COMPETITION and JASPERS, and will be able to apply the knowledge acquired during the workshop in the planning and preparation of the respective programmes, priorities and schemes for the new EU funding period.

In each session enough time will be allocated for Q&A and exchange of practical experience.

Participants are encouraged to prepare questions on the topics that will be addressed in the seminar, and send them in advance as a proposal for discussion during the Q&A sessions envisaged in the following tentative agenda.

## Final agenda

9:30 – 10:00	<b>Registrations</b>
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Opening and introduction to the objectives of the seminar</b> <i>Brendan Smyth, DG REGIO</i> <i>Miek Van Der Wee, DG COMPETITION</i> <i>Massimo Marra, JASPERS</i>
10:30 – 11.30	<b>Session 1: State Aid Legal Framework for 2014-2020 and the new approach for Infrastructures.</b> <i>Alessandra Forzano and Julia Rapp, DG COMPETITION</i>
11.30 – 12.30	<b>Session 2: State Aid General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER).</b> <i>Roxana Laiu, Camelia Grozea and Bernhard Von Wendland, DG COMPETITION</i>
12.30 – 13.00	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A</b>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 15:00	<b>Session 3: State aid rules and compensation for services of general economic interest (SGEI)</b> <i>Julia Rapp, DG COMPETITION</i>
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Session 4: JASPERS experience and practical recommendations from previous programming period.</b> <i>Massimo Merighi, JASPERS</i>
15:30 – 15:50	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:50 – 16:20	<b>Open discussion and roundtable</b>
16.20 – 16.30	<b>Session 6: Wrap-up of the seminar</b> <i>Massimo Marra, JASPERS</i>