



Jaspers Platform State aid seminar

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The less developed Member States grant higher levels of State aid than the richer Member States



True



False



2007-2012	10 Richest MS	7 Poorest MS
GDP per capita (EU27 = 100)	129	33
State aid (as % of GDP)	0.64%	0.86%
State aid (annual, per capita)	€ 212	€ 72
State aid Volume (billion € / year)	€ 44 bn	€ 6 bn

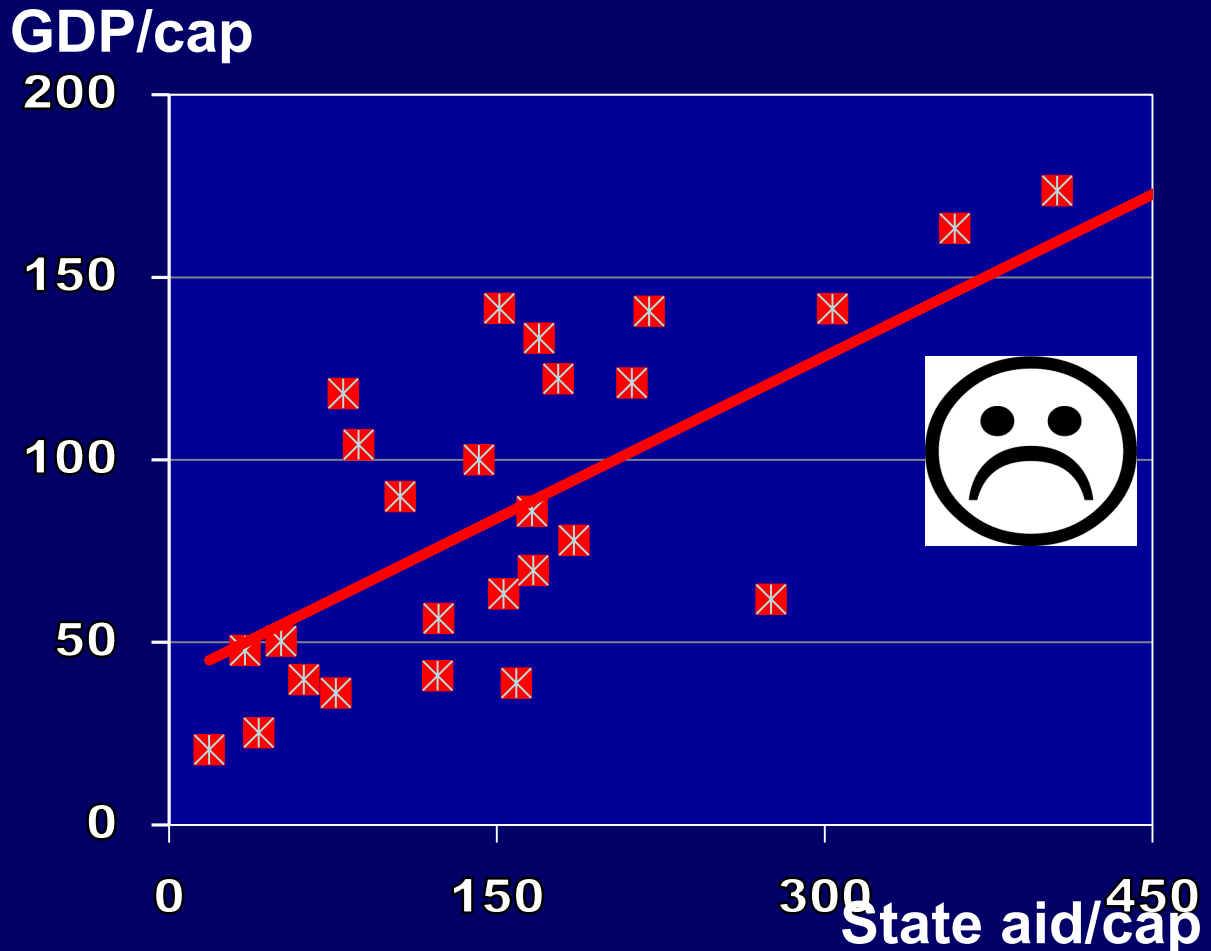




Richer MS have deeper pockets and more to spend on SA...

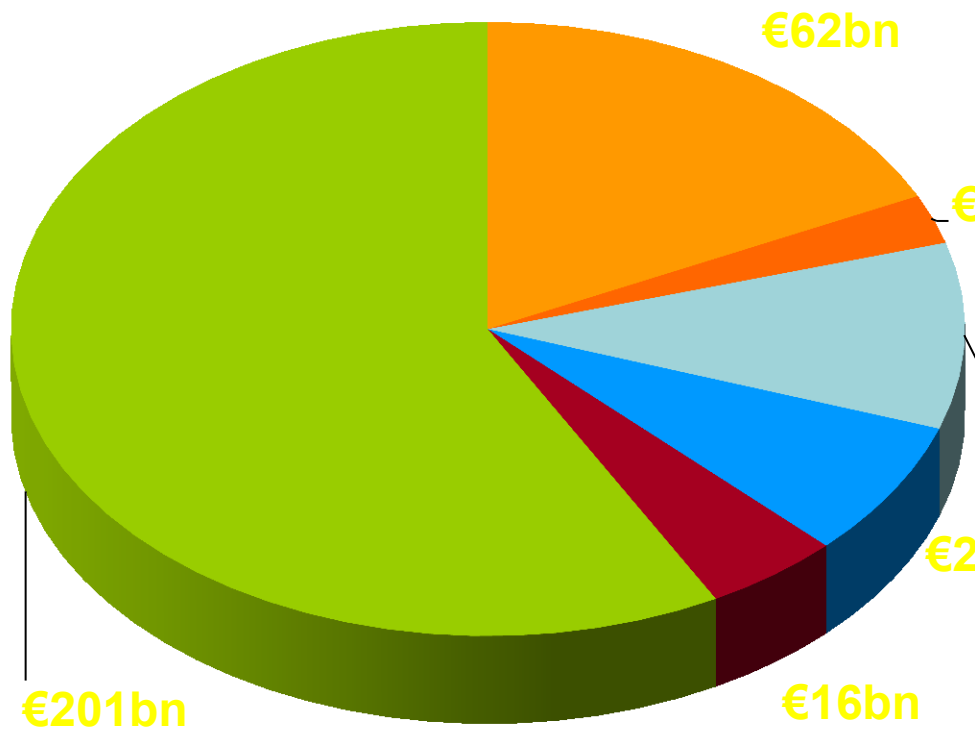
Positive correlation GDP/cap - SA/cap

Pearson Correlation: 0.72





42% of ESI budget → allocated to actions involving SA



Actions involving SA:

- RTD & Entrepreneurship
- Information Society
- Transport
- Energy & Environment
- Training



Relevance of SA policy for ESI Funds

- **EU SA policy:**
 - ▶ **Essential component of EU cohesion policy**
 - ▶ **Strict control of MS spending on SA is in the interest of weakest MS who would not be able to match unrestrained spending of richest ME or regions**
- **40% ESI moneys allocated to actions involving SA**
 - ▶ **MS have discretion on the allocation of EU and MS financial contributions to ESI Funds operations**
 - ▶ **Hence a need to subject these contributions to SA control**



Interaction COMP – ESI Funds - 1

Two way interaction:

- **DG REGIO input in elaboration of EU State aid rules**
 - ▶ **Restriction of State aid in the most favoured regions**
 - ▶ **Provisions favouring cohesion**
 - **more generous provisions for less favoured regions**
 - **provisions to promote employment of weaker groups**
 - ▶ **Provisions to facilitate the implementation of ESI Fund operation**



Interaction COMP – ESI Funds - 2

COMP input in ESI Fund operations → 2 Objectives

- **Facilitate implementation of ESI Fund operations (e.g. widening of GBER)**
- **Ensure SA compliance:**
 - ▶ **Ex Ante Conditionality: "Preventing is better than curing"**
 - **Expertise on SA rules in MA's**
 - **Adequate control systems (e.g. cumulation DM)**
 - ▶ **ISC on PA's, OP's and Major Projects**
 - ▶ **Provision of advice on SA aspects of projects**
 - ▶ **Involvement in audits (REGIO, CoA)**



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