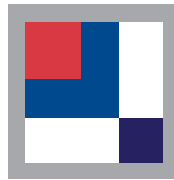




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PROJECT VISIBILITY BRIEF

PROJECT: Support to Commission for State Aid Control

SECTOR: Competition policy – state aid

PROJECT VALUE: €999,000

BUDGET LINE: IPA 2014

START YEAR: 2019

END YEAR: 2021

CONTRACTING AUTHORITY: Ministry of Finance – Department for Contracting and Financing of European Union Funded Programmes

The project Support to Commission for State Aid Control is funded by the European Union (IPA 2014), and managed by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Serbia - Department for Contracting and Financing of European Union Funded Programmes.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE: to further support Serbia's progress on its European Union accession path (among others through alignment with *acquis communautaire*), specifically for what relates to Negotiation Chapter 8 – Competition Policy, by securing progress in further development and implementation of the system of rules and procedures in the field of state aid control.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES can be summarised as support to the Government of the Republic of Serbia, and in particular the existing state aid control and granting institutions, in alignment of rules and procedures in the field of state aid control with the *EU acquis*.

The objectives are as follows:

- Alingment of rules on state aid control with the EU *acquis*;
- Strenghtening the capacities of the Ministry of Finance's Department for state aid control as well as of the Commission for State Aid Control;
- Improving coordination mechanisms between the Commission for State Aid Control, the Department and other stakeholders in the field of state aid, and raising the awareness of state aid control.

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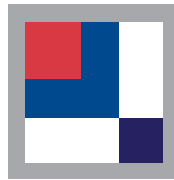
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In order to fulfill these objectives, within the project it will be organised, among others, an exchange of experience between Serbian state aid control experts and most relevant experts from the EU. For the first time, trainings in the field of state aid will be organised for all 174 local self-government units in Serbia. A new inventory with existing state aid schemes will be drafted, as well as a set of manual for state aid rules implementation. In total, 12 trainings on state aid control rules and procedures will be organised in several Serbian cities.

MAIN BENEFICIARY of the project is the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Serbia. End recipients are the Ministry's Department for state aid control and the Commission for State Aid Control.

INSTITUTIONAL BENEFICIARIES of the project are all state aid grantors in the Republic of Serbia.

OTHER BENEFICIARIES: Indirectly, the beneficiaries of the project are the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities, business associations and non-governmental sector.

KEY MESSAGES: „Think State Aid First“ is one of the key project's messages, intended to enable that state aid control rules are part of the earliest planning phase within institutions. The important segment of the project is raising of the awareness of all stakeholders in the public sector, as well as of citizens, on the fact that integration of state aid control rules is a tool for long term strengthening of public finances, and that state aid in accordance with the rules can be one of instruments of economic and social growth.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY: the consortium led by the Alternative Consulting in cooperation with DMI France and Competition Council of the Republic of Lithuania.

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