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State aid – exemptions for small amounts of aid (*de minimis* aid) (update)

To Whom it May Concern,

Interact is the platform of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC or 'Interreg') programmes. One of the objectives of the Interact programme is to support Interreg programmes in the simplification and harmonisation of their approaches to programme and project management.

Interreg programmes provide grants to co-finance cooperation projects across national borders. Decisions to co-finance cooperation projects are taken jointly by all Member States participating in a programme. For some programmes the *de minimis* will be the only option to deal with State aid relevant activities in the financed project, while others will use exemptions offered by General Block Exemption Regulation, especially by amended article 20 and article 20a.

Interact participated in the 'call for evidence' on the Better Regulation Portal and submitted [the contribution](#) on 21 July 2022 highlighting that the *de minimis* ceiling should be raised up to EUR 500 000 on a rolling 3-year basis.

Interact very welcomes the fact that a draft for a Commission Regulation on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to *de minimis* aid increases the ceiling of *de minimis* aid, which a single undertaking may receive per Member State over any period of 3 years, reflecting the inflation that took place since the entry into force of Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013. However, we believe that due to the unprecedented surge of prices observed on the markets, the ceiling should be increased even further and should at least reflect the projected inflation calculated until the end of the period of application of the draft *de minimis* Regulation, i.e., 31 December 2030.

Best regards,

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