



**European Committee
of the Regions**

Commission for Economic Policy
(ECON)

The Chair

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Subject: public consultation on "State aid – exemptions for small amounts of aid (de minimis aid)"

In my capacity as chair of the Commission for Economic Policy in the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) I would like to draw your attention to the following issues in the context of the public consultation on the revision of the de minimis aid regulation.

I welcome the Commission's intention to revise the de minimis threshold to adjust to the current economic context as well to improve transparency. However, I do believe that the proposed threshold of EUR 275 000, should be further increased. In past opinions¹, the CoR has argued that state aid under the de minimis aid regulation is a flexible tool to support the economy and regional development and that EUR 500 000 would be a more suitable threshold as it is unlikely that such an increase would have a negative impact on the functioning of the internal market. As regards the measures proposed to improve transparency, I am concerned that the obligation for Member States to set up a national register and the obligation for regions to submit information to this register could generate an increased administrative burden for many regions across the EU. For this reason, I would suggest both to consider postponing, possibly for 6 months, the obligation to set up the national register as well as to highlight the need for the ease of submitting the information, specifically for smaller subnational entities, alongside the proposed simplified access to the information contained in the register.

Yours faithfully,

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¹ See for instance [CoR opinion on EU State Aid Modernisation](#), adopted on 29 November 2012 (CDR1528-2012_00_00)