

**Ireland's position on Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee case
ACCC/C/2015/128 on State Aid: EU Commission Proposed Option,
following from the Advisory Committee meeting of 12th March, 2025**

Ireland welcomes and supports the Commission's proposal to amend the Code of Best Practices for the conduct of State Aid (BPC). In our view, this measure, would be more than sufficient to comply with Ireland's and the EU's obligations under the Aarhus Convention, whilst serving to mitigate the potential negative impact any amendment may have on the efficacy of State Aid measures throughout the EU.

Whilst being mindful of preserving the level playing field, we support the Council's recent calls to accelerate and simplify State Aid procedures, and the amendments resulting from the ACCC findings would appear to run counter to the aims of the dual transition. Therefore, Ireland calls for a measured and balanced approach to mitigate any possible further delays or procedural complications.

Ireland notes the Commission statement that the Staff Working Paper, which carried out an assessment of the scope and likely impacts of any procedural amendment, is not a self-standing impact assessment but rather outlines the information received from stakeholders. However, we urge the Commission to share this paper as soon as possible and most certainly before any final rules are adopted.

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