

## **Comments from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Ireland**

The Tourism Industry and Product Development Division of our Department supports the proposed 2-year extension (to end-2022) of the State Aid rules and guidelines relating to the General Block Exemption and De Minimis Regulations – which would be particularly useful and timely, as Ireland's National Tourism Development Authority, Fáilte Ireland, plans to extend its Grants Scheme for Large Tourism Projects to end-2022. This Scheme is covered by the existing GBER until end-2020 but would benefit from the proposed extension if adopted.

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