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Targeted review of the General Block Exemption Regulation (State aid): extended scope for national funds to be combined with certain Union programmes (second consultation)
Contribution Land Oberösterreich

To Whom it May Concern!

In our role as **Managing Authority of the Interreg programme Austria-Bavaria/Germany 2014-2020** we would like to take the opportunity to contribute to the targeted review of the General Block Exemption Regulation – second consultation.

In general we would like to say that **we very much welcome the presented amendments**. We contributed to the first consultation (via Interact) and believe that our comments were taken adequately into account. Especially we would like to highlight here the adjustment of Art. 20 concerning the aid intensity and the removed reporting/monitoring requirements for aid granted under Art. 20a.

Concerning the new Art. 20a, we understand that it covers both, direct beneficiaries (project partners) and indirect beneficiaries (not formally project partner, but profiting from project actions). The limit of € 20.000 granted to an undertaking per project is in principle sufficient, but could contribute even more to simplify programme implementation/simplify procedures for beneficiaries (in terms of proportionality) if it would be increased above € 20.000. We would therefore like to ask you to examine the possibility of increasing the limit in Art. 20a.

We very much appreciate your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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