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HT.6507 –1st Advisory Committee on a revision of the Services of general economic interest de minimis Regulation

With regard to the draft revision of the Services of general economic interest de minimis Regulation and following the 1st Advisory Committee meeting that took place on 24 May 2023, we would like to submit the following comments:

i. Increase of de minimis ceilings

We welcome the Commission's proposal to increase the ceiling of the de minimis aid for Services of General Economic Interest, to the amount of 650.000 €.

ii. the alignment of certain concepts of the de minimis SGEI Regulation with the general de minimis Regulation (in particular as regards the concept of "single undertaking" and the provisions on "undertakings in difficulty" and "mergers and acquisitions")

We also welcome the amendments introduced concerning the alignment of certain concepts of the de minimis SGEI Regulation with the general de minimis Regulation.

iii. Central de minimis aid registry

With regard to the proposed amendment making the establishment of a central de minimis aid register mandatory within 6 months from the entry into force of the Regulation, we consider that the 6-month time frame is extremely short and would suggest that a central register should be adopted over a period of **at least 1 year**.