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Subject: Targeted review of the General Block Exemption Regulation (State aid): extension to national funds combined with certain Union programs

HT.5224 Reply from a public authority Catalonia ES51

Dear Sir or Madam,

From the managers of ERDF Funds in Catalonia (ES51) we have a general but very significant comment: our proposal for the **research projects co-financed with structural funds** would be **to exclude them from the application of State Aid Regulation**, in order to give them the same treatment given to the projects co-financed with Horizon2020 which have been excluded to date.

This comparison would simplify the checking procedure and would increase the cofinancing percentatge.

Yours sincerely,

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