



REGIÃO AUTÓNOMA DA MADEIRA  
GOVERNO REGIONAL  
SECRETARIA REGIONAL DO TURISMO E CULTURA  
DIREÇÃO REGIONAL DOS ASSUNTOS EUROPEUS E DA COOPERAÇÃO EXTERNA

**Objet: HT.5224 – Contribution of the Regional Governmental of Madeira as Public Authority to the Public Consultation entitled “*Targeted review of the General Block Exemption Regulation (State aid): extension to national funds combined with certain Union programmes*”**

The Regional Government of Madeira agree, in generally, with the Draft of regulation to revise the GBER amending Regulation (UE) n.º 651/2014 to consider the Aid for European Territorial Cooperation, the Aid for projects awarded a Seal of Excellence quality label under the Horizon 2020 or the Horizon Europe (including aid provided to co-funded projects) and the Aid involved in financial products supported by the InvestUE Fund compatible with the internal market within the meaning of Article 107(3) of the Treaty and be exempted from the notification requirement of Article 108, n.º 3, of the Treaty.

These changes can contribute to the development and the participation of the Madeira Region in cooperation and research projects as well as in projects associated with financial products.

However, regrets the absence of the reference to the Outermost Regions in the proposal (with the exception of the text of Article 1(3)) and for this reason proposed the addition of a new paragraph or the amendment of the paragraph about the aid intensity which should be increased, for example, by 20 percentage points for aid granted to small enterprises located in outermost regions in the field of cooperation aid (reference to Article 20 (4)) and by 25 percentage points in the field of research aid (reference to Article 25 (7)).

In conclusion, the negotiations of this draft and other proposals on future programs and european funds will continue to be monitored by the Regional Government with a view to provide an alignment between state aid rules and UE funding rules under the next multiannual financial framework for the 2021-2027 period.

