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Commissioner for State Aid Control
(attn. Mr Ioannis Ioannou)

Subject: Services of General Economic Interest: report to be submitted following the 2012 SGEI Decision and the 2012 SGEI Framework

I have been instructed to refer to your email of 11 February 2022 on this subject and inform you that the Ministry of Health, as part of the State aid scheme under Decision 2012/21/EU for the provision of services of general economic interest, granted State aid to the following voluntary organisations in 2020 and 2021:

(A) Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends

The main purpose of the Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends is to:

- (a) inform and educate the public about cancer and its prevention and early diagnosis;
- (b) improve existing means and methods of management, support and palliative care, to treat the illness and provide rehabilitation with proper reintegration into society;
- (c) provide psychosocial support to patients and their families, provide home care and ensure a good quality of life for patients at all stages of the illness;
- (d) provide continuous education and training to health teams working with cancer patients as well as volunteers who support and assist cancer patients and their family members.

The Association received €740 000 in State aid [for 2020] (following Decision No 89700 of the Council of Ministers of 1 July 2020, exceptional State aid of €500 000 was granted because of the financial problems they are facing due to the coronavirus pandemic), and €270 000 for 2021, in relation to the following programmes:

- Home nursing, support and palliative care, physiotherapy and lymphoedema management

The service operates on a round-the-clock basis only in the districts of Nicosia and Limassol, as indicated in the operating hours below.

Operating hours/days:

Districts of Nicosia and Limassol: Monday – Friday: 8:00 – 18:30 (two shifts) and on call from 18:30 – 08:00 Public holidays and weekends: on call 24 hours a day

Districts of Famagusta, Larnaca and Paphos: Monday – Friday: 8:00 – 14:30 and on call from 14:30 – 18:00 Public holidays and weekends: on call 08:00 – 12:00

- Psychological support service for cancer patients and their families

Operating hours/days:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 – 18:00

- Bus service to take patients from across Cyprus to the oncology department of Limassol General Hospital, the oncology department of Nicosia General Hospital and the Oncology Centre of the Bank of Cyprus for tests and treatment

Operating hours/days:

Monday – Friday: 6:00 – 14:00

(B) 'Agia Skepi' Therapeutic Community foundation

The 'Agia Skepi' Therapeutic Community offers a wide range of drug rehabilitation programmes aimed at long-term users. It received €310 000 in State aid for 2020 and €300 000 for 2021, in relation to the following programmes:

- Counselling Centre Programme – Motivation Programme

Aimed at substance users who are not interested in treatment/rehabilitation, with the aim of improving their quality of life alongside substance use. Prevention of syringe sharing with all that entails. Indirectly, the programme aims to motivate the persons concerned to move in the direction of treatment/rehabilitation.

- Counselling Centre Programme – Preparation for inclusion in the residential programme

The programme is aimed at long-term users who are interested in treatment/rehabilitation and aims to create the appropriate conditions for them to be included in the residential programme without being 'scared off' by its demands and abandoning it.

- Programme – Residential Programmes (separate programmes for men and women)

These programmes operate separately in different wings of the foundation's facilities for people who have been included following the previous preparation phase of the programme. They offer treatment/rehabilitation for the use of addictive substances following the therapeutic communities model and the cognitive/behavioural approach, in combination with other approaches where necessary.

- Sentence exchange programme for persons sentenced for possession/use of illegal substances, with rehabilitation treatment (separate programmes for men and women)

In cooperation with the Attorney-General and the Central Prison, the 'Agia Skepi' foundation welcomes long-term users who have been given the option of treatment following the suspension of their prosecution and release from prison, on condition that they return to prison if they fail to complete the programme.

- Occupational Therapy Programme (separate programmes for men and women)

The programme offers therapeutic employment in a real work environment.

- Reintegration Programme (separate programmes for men and women)

This programme is the natural continuation of the previous residential programme. In this phase, those who have been treated are invited to live in society practically, having found work with our help, and at the same time continue participating in the programme to ensure that they adopt a personal daily programme/routine that will support them in their lifelong aim not to get involved in substance use again.

- Family Programme

The problem of substance use affects not only users but also their close families (either parents or spouses). Through our programmes, users are invited to go through a process of change, and at the same time their close families should do the same in order to be able to support them in their lifelong struggle not to go back to substance use, and that is precisely the aim of this programme.

- Traineeship programme for psychology students

Provision of beneficial experience to psychology students.

- 'Graduate' support programme

Over the years, a clear need has emerged for more systematic and professional support for all those who have completed the foundation's programme and who face various issues in their daily lives that must be given the necessary attention so as to avoid the risk of relapse. A specialist psychologist is employed on a part-time basis so that anyone affected can book an appointment for support with a matter that is concerning them in light of their background.

(C) Centre for Preventive Paediatrics

The Centre for Preventive Paediatrics (CPP) aims to improve the health of the Cypriot people. It received €320 000 in State aid for 2020 and €320 000 for 2021, in relation to the following programmes:

- Prenatal Testing Programme

The Centre offers blood biochemistry analysis to all expectant mothers in Cyprus in the first trimester of pregnancy, which, in combination with a nuchal translucency ultrasound and the age of the mother, detects certain chromosome abnormalities, in particular Down's syndrome, before birth. For the test, blood samples are taken from the expectant mothers (at private or state gynaecologists) and sent to the Centre's biochemical laboratory in Limassol by a private courier company.

- Neonatal Preventive Testing Programme

The programme is offered to all newborns over 2 days old to detect metabolic diseases (congenital hypothyroidism and phenylketonuria) that could lead to cognitive disability if not detected early enough. Samples of dried blood (taken by private or state paediatricians) are sent on filter paper to the Centre's biochemical laboratory in Limassol by a private courier company.

- Neonatal Hearing Screening Programme

The programme detects any hearing loss at an early stage. Early detection enables effective intervention with the aim of maximising the child's speech acquisition and socialisation abilities and proper development. The hearing test is carried out in every city at branches of the Centre for Preventive Paediatrics.

(D) Karaiskakio Foundation

The principal aim of the Karaiskakio Foundation is to promote and undertake actions for the donation of bone marrow, stem cells, blood platelets and other blood constituents to those in need.

Programme to Renew the Bone Marrow Donor Register

The Cypriot Bone Marrow Donor Bank is the biggest donor register in the world in proportion to the population. The donors on the register of the Karaiskakio Foundation are registered in the international bone marrow donor bank, giving the chance for patients throughout the world to search among them to find a compatible donor.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Gynaecological Society, in 2005 the Karaiskakio Foundation created a public umbilical cord blood register on an altruistic, non-profit basis. In

cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the Karaiskakio Foundation provides testing and transplant storage and manages the register.

The programme serves patients who need a bone marrow transplant.

It received €350 000 in State aid for 2020 and €350 000 for 2021, in relation to the following programmes:

- Systematic and targeted recruitment and registration of new volunteer donors in the Bone Marrow Donors Register
- Provision of information to donors using printed and electronic material, personal and group discussions
- Recruitment of volunteer bone marrow donors and cord blood donors
- Computerisation of the donors register and cord blood register and inclusion of donors in the International Donors Bank (Bone Marrow Donors Worldwide - BMDW)
- Accreditation of the Bone Marrow Donors Register and the Cord Blood Register by the World Marrow Donor Association (WMDA) and the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT-NetCord) respectively
- Identification of HLA antigens in new volunteer bone marrow and cord blood donors

(E) Cyprus Anti-Cancer Society

The Cyprus Anti-Cancer Society was founded in 1971 as a philanthropic organisation with the main aim of preventing and fighting cancer and supporting cancer patients through the various services it offers. The Society covers a wide range of free services for cancer patients. It offers comprehensive palliative care and aims to educate the public on preventing and fighting cancer, as well as training medical, nursing and scientific staff who work with cancer-related issues.

The Society received €900 000 in State aid for 2020 (following Decision No 89700 of the Council of Ministers of 1 July 2020, exceptional State aid of €500 000 was granted because of the financial problems they are facing due to the coronavirus pandemic), and €900 000 for 2021, in relation to the following programmes:

- ‘Arodaphnousa’ Palliative Care Centre in Nicosia
- ‘Evagorion’ Palliative Day Care Centre in Limassol
- Home care service for patients (round-the-clock service in Nicosia and Limassol)
- Day care service (social participation groups)
- Psychosocial support service
- Patient transport service from all districts to Nicosia
- Financial assistance for patients
- Programmes to educate and train the public and health professionals on cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment

2. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further information.

[*signed*]
(Paraskevas Antoniou)
for the Director-General of the Ministry of
Health

ANNEX

Services of General Economic Interest: guidance for report to be submitted following the 2012 SGEI Decision and the 2012 SGEI Framework

The reporting obligations are set out in the Article 9 of the 2012 SGEI Decision:

Each Member State shall submit a report on the implementation of this Decision to the Commission every 2 years. The reports shall provide a detailed overview of the application of this Decision for the different categories of services referred to in Article 2(1), including:

(a) a description of the application of this Decision to the services falling within its scope, including in-house activities;

(b) the total amount of aid granted in accordance with this Decision, with a breakdown by the economic sector of the beneficiaries;

(c) an indication of whether, for a particular type of service, the application of this Decision has given rise to difficulties or complaints by third parties; and

(d) any other information concerning the application of this Decision required by the Commission and to be specified in due time before the report is to be submitted.

Paragraph 62 of the 2012 SGEI Framework sets in principle identical reporting obligations for aid granted under the 2012 SGEI Framework.

Please structure your report as follows:

1. EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW

Please complete the following table:

Total SGEI government expenditure by legal basis (EUR millions)		
	2020	2021
<i>Total compensation for Services of General Economic Interest (1+2)</i>		
(1) Total compensation granted on the basis of the SGEI Decision		€124 137.82
(2) Total compensation granted on the basis of the SGEI Framework		

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE 2012 SGEI DECISION

Please structure this part of your report by the following sections:

- 1) Hospitals providing medical care, including, where applicable, emergency services (Art. 2(1)(b))
- 2) Social services (Art. 2(1)(c))
 - a) Health and long term care
 - b) Childcare
 - c) Access to and reintegration into the labour market
 - d) Social housing
 - e) Care and social inclusion of vulnerable groups
 - f) Other social services (if applicable)
- 3) Air or maritime links to islands with average annual traffic not exceeding the limit set in Art. 2(1)(d)
- 4) Airports and ports with average annual traffic not exceeding the limit set in Art. 2(1)(e)
- 5) SGEI compensation not exceeding an annual amount EUR 15 million (Art. 2(1)(a))
 - a) Postal services
 - b) Energy
 - c) Waste collection
 - d) Water supply
 - e) Culture
 - f) Financial services
 - g) Other sectors (please specify)

For each of the items outlined above please provide information in the form of the following table:

Section (for example 1, hospitals or 2b, childcare)
2f, Other social services
Clear and comprehensive description of how the respective services are organised in your Member State¹
Explanation of what kind of services in the respective sector have been defined as SGEI in your Member State. Please list the contents of the services entrusted as SGEI as clearly as possible.
<p>The physical object of the project co-financed by the European Social Fund is the creation and operation of an Autism Family Intervention and Support Centre to provide specialised services to pre-school aged children who have been diagnosed with autism, and to their families.</p> <p>The Centre's services are as follows:</p> <p>(a) A psychological support, counselling and psychoeducational service for families of children with autism, which aims to maintain family calm and cohesion and the quality of life of all family members, preventing marital or other family and/or individual crises and empowering the parents. These services are provided by specialist psychologists.</p> <p>(b) A home education and support service intended firstly to educate and prepare children appropriately for school education and all social and other life skills that are considered essential to their quality of life, and secondly to educate parents on how to care for and bring up their child. These services are provided by specially trained educators (psychologists and/or social scientists).</p> <p>(c) A social support service aimed at providing information to families and connecting them with all the competent services and health professionals working in rehabilitation and other specialist areas in the public and private sectors, providing assistance in completing applications, and accompanying families to the competent bodies where necessary. The aim of providing social support services is to improve quality of life, reduce social exclusion and increase social participation, in order to facilitate the social integration of children and their families. These services are provided by social workers.</p>
Explanation of the (typical) forms of entrustment . If standardised templates for entrustments are used for a certain sector, please attach them.

¹ If in a certain sector only a small number of individual SGEIs exist in your Member State, we appreciate a detailed description of those services. **If a large number of services are entrusted in a specific sector in your Member State (for example because the competence lies with regional or local authorities), individual details of the entrustments would be disproportionate**, but a clear and concise general description of the way the sector is organised including the common features of the individual entrustments remains crucial.

The contract was entrusted by means of a public tender on the basis of Articles 74-77 (Award of contracts for social and other specific services) of the 2016 Law on the Regulation of Public Procurement Procedures and Related Matters (Law 73(I)/2016) and Circular ΓΛ/ΑΑΑΑΔΣ 101.
Average duration of the entrustment (in years) and the proportion of entrustments that are longer than 10 years (in %) per sector. Specify in which sectors SGEI were entrusted with a duration exceeding 10 years and explain how this duration is justified.
Duration of entrustment: 1+1+1 years (36 months)
Explanation whether (typically) exclusive or special rights are assigned to the undertakings.
Not applicable
Which aid instruments have been used (direct subsidies, guarantees, etc.)?
Payment of the contract value in 36 equal instalments over 3 years, following approval of each monthly report and an on-site inspection of the Autism Family Intervention and Support Centre.
Typical compensation mechanism as regards the respective services and whether a methodology based on cost allocation or the net avoided cost methodology is used.
The amount of compensation does not exceed what is necessary to cover the net cost incurred in discharging the public service obligations, including a reasonable profit.
Typical arrangements for avoiding and repaying any overcompensation.
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A short explanation of how the transparency requirements (see Article 7 of the 2012 SGEI Decision) for the aid above 15 million euro to undertakings that also have activities outside the scope of the SGEI are being complied with. In your answer please also include some relevant examples of information published for this purpose (e.g. some links to websites or other references), indicate whether you have a central website on which you publish this information for all aid measures concerned in your Member State (and if so provide the link to this website), or alternatively explain if and how the publication takes place at the level granting the aid (e.g. central, regional or local level).

Not applicable		
Amount of aid granted		
Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) ² . This includes all aid granted in your territory, including aid granted by regional and local authorities. (A+B+C)		
Economic operator / contractor	2020	2021
Joint venture between the European University Cyprus and the companies ‘Social Element – Centre for Social and Human Development Ltd’ and ‘CODECA – Center for Social Cohesion Development and Care Ltd’.		€124 137.82
A: Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) paid by national central authorities ³		
2020	2021	
B: Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) paid by regional authorities ⁴		
2020	2021	
C: Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) paid by local authorities ⁵		
2020	2021	
Share of expenditure per aid instrument (direct subsidy, guarantees etc.) (if available)		
2020	2021	

² As stipulated in Article 9(b) of the 2012 SGEI Decision.

³ If the aid amount cannot be split between central, regional and local authorities only the total amount of aid granted for all authorities should be reported.

⁴ See footnote 3.

⁵ See footnote 3.

Additional quantitative information (e.g. number of beneficiaries per sector, average aid amount, size of the undertakings) ⁶	
2020	2021

Please also fill out the annexed summary excel file “SGEI Decision 2020 2021” with the total amounts per section for the whole Member State (not per region, local authority or municipality).

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE 2012 SGEI FRAMEWORK

Please structure this part of your report by the following sections:

SGEI compensation exceeding EUR 15 million, falling outside the SGEI Decision (please specify the Commission decision approving each measure if applicable):

- i. Postal services
- ii. Energy
- iii. Waste collection
- iv. Water supply
- v. Air or maritime links to islands with average annual traffic above the limits set in Art. 2(1)(d)
- vi. Airports and ports with average annual traffic above the limit set in Art. 2(1)(e)
- vii. Culture
- viii. Financial services
- ix. Other sectors (please specify)

For each of the items outlined above please provide information in the form of the following table:

⁶ The Commission would welcome any data that you might have on aid granted under the 2012 SGEI Decision, for example the number of beneficiaries per sector, average amount of aid, amount per aid instrument, size of the undertakings, etc. Should such other quantitative information data not be readily available in your Member State, they can of course be presented in a more aggregated and/or estimated way. In that case please indicate that estimations have been used as well as the type of aggregation made.

Section (for example iii. Waste collection or viii. Financial services)
Clear and comprehensive description of how the respective services are organised in your Member State⁷
Explanation of what kind of services in the respective sector have been defined as SGEI in your Member State. Please list the contents of the services entrusted as SGEI as clearly as possible.
Explanation of the (typical) forms of entrustment . If standardised templates for entrustments are used for a certain sector, please attach them.
Average duration of the entrustment (in years) and the proportion of entrustments that are longer than 10 years (in %) per sector. Specify in which sectors SGEI were entrusted with a duration exceeding 10 years and explain how this duration is justified.
Explanation whether (typically) exclusive or special rights are assigned to the undertakings.
Which aid instruments have been used (direct subsidies, guarantees, etc.)?
Typical compensation mechanism as regards the respective services and whether a methodology based on cost allocation or the net avoided cost methodology is used.
Typical arrangements for avoiding and repaying any overcompensation.

⁷ If in a certain sector only a small number of individual SGEIs exist in your Member State, we appreciate a detailed description of those services. If a large number of services are entrusted in a specific sector in your Member State (for example because the competence lies with regional or local authorities), individual details of the entrustments would be disproportionate, but a clear and concise general description of the way the sector is organised including the common features of the individual entrustments remains crucial. Since cases falling under the SGEI Framework will be limited in number, the Commission expects a detailed description of each concrete measure.

A short explanation of how the **transparency requirements** (see Paragraph 60 of the 2012 SGEI Framework) are being complied with. In your answer please also include some relevant examples of information published for this purpose (e.g. some links to websites or other references), indicate whether you have a central website on which you publish this information for all aid measures concerned in your Member State (and if so provide the link to this website), or alternatively explain if and how the publication takes place at the level granting the aid (e.g. central, regional or local level).

Amount of aid granted

Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions)⁸. This includes all aid granted in your territory, including aid granted by regional and local authorities. (A+B+C)

Economic operator	2020	2021
A: Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) paid by national central authorities ⁹		
2020	2021	
B: Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) paid by regional authorities ¹⁰		
2020	2021	
C: Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) paid by local authorities ¹¹		
2020	2021	

⁸ As stipulated in Paragraph 62(b) of the 2012 SGEI Framework.

⁹ If the aid amount cannot be split between central, regional and local authorities only the total amount of aid granted for all authorities should be reported.

¹⁰ See footnote 9.

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Share of expenditure per aid instrument (direct subsidy, guarantees etc.) (if available)	
2020	2021
Additional quantitative information (e.g. number of beneficiaries per sector, average aid amount, size of the undertakings) ¹²	
2020	2021

Please also fill out the annexed summary excel file “SGEI Framework 2020 2021” with the total amounts per section for the whole Member State (not per region, local authority or municipality).

4. COMPLAINTS BY THIRD PARTIES

Please provide an overview of complaints by third parties, in particular litigation before national courts, regarding measures in scope of the 2012 SGEI Decision or 2012 SGEI Framework. Please be as specific as possible in your reply and include the sector for which you have received the complaints, the contents of the complaints and the possible follow-up by your authorities or the likely outcome of the court proceedings.

There have been no complaints by third parties.

5. MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

a. We kindly invite you to indicate whether your authorities have experienced difficulties in applying the 2012 SGEI Decision and ask you to in particular consider the following issues:

- drawing up an entrustment act that complies with Article 4 of the SGEI Decision;
- specifying the amount of compensation in line with Article 5 of the SGEI Decision;
- determining the reasonable profit level in line with Article 5(5)-(8) of the SGEI Decision;

¹² The Commission would welcome any data that you might have on aid granted under the 2012 SGEI Framework, for example the number of beneficiaries per sector, average amount of aid, amount per aid instrument, size of the undertakings, etc. Should such other quantitative information data not be readily available in your Member State, they can of course be presented in a more aggregated and/or estimated way. In that case please indicate that estimations have been used as well as the type of aggregation made.

- regularly checking overcompensation as required by Article 6 of the SGEI Decision;

Please be as specific as possible in your reply, include relevant examples and, if applicable, the sector for which the difficulties are (most) relevant.

No difficulties arose in applying the 2012 SGEI Decision.

- b. We kindly invite you to indicate whether your authorities have experienced difficulties in applying the 2012 SGEI Framework and ask you to in particular consider the following issues:

- carrying out a public consultation in line with paragraph 14 of the SGEI Framework;
- complying with public procurement rules in line with para 19 of the SGEI Framework;
- determining the net avoided cost as required by paras 25-27 of the SGEI Framework;
- determining the reasonable profit level in line with paras 33-38 of the SGEI Framework;

Please be as specific as possible in your reply, include relevant examples and, if applicable, the sector for which the difficulties are (most) relevant.

No difficulties arose in applying the 2012 SGEI Decision *[sic]*.

- c. If you have any other comments on the application of the SGEI Decision and the SGEI Framework on issues other than the ones covered in the previous questions please feel free to provide them below.

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(a) a description of the application of this Decision to the services falling within its scope, including in-house activities;

(b) the total amount of aid granted in accordance with this Decision, with a breakdown by the economic sector of the beneficiaries;

(c) an indication of whether, for a particular type of service, the application of this Decision has given rise to difficulties or complaints by third parties; and

(d) any other information concerning the application of this Decision required by the Commission and to be specified in due time before the report is to be submitted.

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Please structure your report as follows:

1. EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW

Please complete the following table:

Total SGEI government expenditure by legal basis (EUR millions)		
	2020	2021
<i>Total compensation for Services of General Economic Interest (1+2)</i>	€943 024.86	€1 548 486.48
(1) Total compensation granted on the basis of the SGEI Decision		
(2) Total compensation granted on the basis of the SGEI Framework		

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE 2012 SGEI DECISION

Please structure this part of your report by the following sections:

- 1) Hospitals providing medical care, including, where applicable, emergency services (Art. 2(1)(b))

- 2) Social services (Art. 2(1)(c))
 - a) Health and long term care
 - b) Childcare
 - c) Access to and reintegration into the labour market
 - d) Social housing
 - e) Care and social inclusion of vulnerable groups
 - f) Other social services (if applicable)
- 3) Air or maritime links to islands with average annual traffic not exceeding the limit set in Art. 2(1)(d)
- 4) Airports and ports with average annual traffic not exceeding the limit set in Art. 2(1)(e)
- 5) SGEI compensation not exceeding an annual amount EUR 15 million (Art. 2(1)(a))
 - a) Postal services
 - b) Energy
 - c) Waste collection
 - d) Water supply
 - e) Culture
 - f) Financial services
 - g) Other sectors (please specify)

For each of the items outlined above please provide information in the form of the following table:

Section (for example 1, hospitals or 2b, childcare)
2d, Social housing
Clear and comprehensive description of how the respective services are organised in your Member State ¹
Explanation of what kind of services in the respective sector have been defined as SGEI in your Member State. Please list the contents of the services entrusted as SGEI as

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clearly as possible.
<p>The creation of supported living housing for persons with disabilities, as part of the co-financed project ‘Creation of housing / supported living programmes’.</p> <p>The aim is to enable persons with disabilities to live independently by providing the support services they need to live in the community with quality of life, dignity, security and maximum autonomy, while developing skills through their inclusion in supported living programmes.</p> <p>To that end, 11 supported living housing units have been created, which became operational in 2020 and 2021. These services and structures are provided to persons with disabilities via contractors, which are supervised by the Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities. One contractor may operate more than one supported living housing unit. The contracting authority informs the contractor of the persons with disabilities who are to be included in a programme.</p>
Explanation of the (typical) forms of entrustment . If standardised templates for entrustments are used for a certain sector, please attach them.
<p>The contracts were entrusted by means of a public tender on the basis of Articles 74-77 (Award of contracts for social and other specific services) of the 2016 Law on the Regulation of Public Procurement Procedures and Related Matters (Law 73(I)/2016) and Circular ΓΑ/ΑΑΑΔΣ 101.</p>
Average duration of the entrustment (in years) and the proportion of entrustments that are longer than 10 years (in %) per sector. Specify in which sectors SGEI were entrusted with a duration exceeding 10 years and explain how this duration is justified.
Duration of entrustment: 2+2 years
Explanation whether (typically) exclusive or special rights are assigned to the undertakings.
Which aid instruments have been used (direct subsidies, guarantees, etc.)?
Monthly payments (24 equal instalments) to the contractor, following submission by the contractor of the required deliverables (reports, financial statements, etc.).
Typical compensation mechanism as regards the respective services and whether a methodology based on cost allocation or the net avoided cost methodology is used.
The amount of compensation does not exceed what is necessary to cover the net cost incurred in discharging the public service obligations, including a reasonable profit.
Typical arrangements for avoiding and repaying any overcompensation .

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A short explanation of how the transparency requirements (see Article 7 of the 2012 SGEI Decision) for the aid above 15 million euro to undertakings that also have activities outside the scope of the SGEI are being complied with. In your answer please also include some relevant examples of information published for this purpose (e.g. some links to websites or other references), indicate whether you have a central website on which you publish this information for all aid measures concerned in your Member State (and if so provide the link to this website), or alternatively explain if and how the publication takes place at the level granting the aid (e.g. central, regional or local level).		
Not applicable		
Amount of aid granted		
Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) ² . This includes all aid granted in your territory, including aid granted by regional and local authorities. (A+B+C)		
Economic operator / contractor	2020	2021
IPSEPA Institute for Psychotherapy, Professional and Personal Development (2 contracts: housing unit A and housing unit C)	€321 895.00	€419 952.95
Nikos Nikolaou	€153 956.25	€205 275.00
‘Apostolos Loukas’ Association of Parents of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities	€122 237.50	€161 250.00
LC Educational (3 contracts: housing unit E, housing unit F, and autism housing unit C)	€122 808.00	€366 564.59
Margarita Liasidou Foundation	€137 861.47	€187 281.96
Pancyprian Organisation for the Blind	€84 266.64	€126 399.96
Association of Persons with Autism (2 contracts: autism housing unit A and autism housing unit B)	-	€81 762.48
A: Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) paid by national central authorities ³		
2020	2021	
B: Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) paid by regional authorities ⁴		
2020	2021	

² As stipulated in Article 9(b) of the 2012 SGEI Decision.

³ If the aid amount cannot be split between central, regional and local authorities only the total amount of aid granted for all authorities should be reported.

⁴ See footnote 3.

C: Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) paid by local authorities⁵	
2020	2021
Share of expenditure per aid instrument (direct subsidy, guarantees etc.) (if available)	
2020	2021
Additional quantitative information (e.g. number of beneficiaries per sector, average aid amount, size of the undertakings) ⁶	
2020	2021

Please also fill out the annexed summary excel file “SGEI Decision 2020 2021” with the total amounts per section for the whole Member State (not per region, local authority or municipality).

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE 2012 SGEI FRAMEWORK

Please structure this part of your report by the following sections:

SGEI compensation exceeding EUR 15 million, falling outside the SGEI Decision (please specify the Commission decision approving each measure if applicable):

- i. Postal services
- ii. Energy
- iii. Waste collection
- iv. Water supply
- v. Air or maritime links to islands with average annual traffic above the limits set in Art. 2(1)(d)
- vi. Airports and ports with average annual traffic above the limit set in Art. 2(1)(e)
- vii. Culture

⁵ See footnote 3.

⁶ The Commission would welcome any data that you might have on aid granted under the 2012 SGEI Decision, for example the number of beneficiaries per sector, average amount of aid, amount per aid instrument, size of the undertakings, etc. Should such other quantitative information data not be readily available in your Member State, they can of course be presented in a more aggregated and/or estimated way. In that case please indicate that estimations have been used as well as the type of aggregation made.

- viii. Financial services
- ix. Other sectors (please specify)

For each of the items outlined above please provide information in the form of the following table:

Section (for example iii. Waste collection or viii. Financial services)
Clear and comprehensive description of how the respective services are organised in your Member State⁷
Explanation of what kind of services in the respective sector have been defined as SGEI in your Member State. Please list the contents of the services entrusted as SGEI as clearly as possible.
Explanation of the (typical) forms of entrustment . If standardised templates for entrustments are used for a certain sector, please attach them.
Average duration of the entrustment (in years) and the proportion of entrustments that are longer than 10 years (in %) per sector. Specify in which sectors SGEI were entrusted with a duration exceeding 10 years and explain how this duration is justified.
Explanation whether (typically) exclusive or special rights are assigned to the undertakings.
Which aid instruments have been used (direct subsidies, guarantees, etc.)?
Typical compensation mechanism as regards the respective services and whether a methodology based on cost allocation or the net avoided cost methodology is used.

⁷ If in a certain sector only a small number of individual SGEIs exist in your Member State, we appreciate a detailed description of those services. If a large number of services are entrusted in a specific sector in your Member State (for example because the competence lies with regional or local authorities), individual details of the entrustments would be disproportionate, but a clear and concise general description of the way the sector is organised including the common features of the individual entrustments remains crucial. Since cases falling under the SGEI Framework will be limited in number, the Commission expects a detailed description of each concrete measure.

Typical arrangements for avoiding and repaying any overcompensation.		
A short explanation of how the transparency requirements (see Paragraph 60 of the 2012 SGEI Framework) are being complied with. In your answer please also include some relevant examples of information published for this purpose (e.g. some links to websites or other references), indicate whether you have a central website on which you publish this information for all aid measures concerned in your Member State (and if so provide the link to this website), or alternatively explain if and how the publication takes place at the level granting the aid (e.g. central, regional or local level).		
Amount of aid granted		
Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions)⁸. This includes all aid granted in your territory, including aid granted by regional and local authorities. (A+B+C)		
Economic operator	2020	2021
A: Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) paid by national central authorities⁹		
2020	2021	

⁸ As stipulated in Paragraph 62(b) of the 2012 SGEI Framework.

⁹ If the aid amount cannot be split between central, regional and local authorities only the total amount of aid granted for all authorities should be reported.

B: Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) paid by regional authorities¹⁰	
2020	2021
C: Total amount of aid granted (in EUR millions) paid by local authorities¹¹	
2020	2021
Share of expenditure per aid instrument (direct subsidy, guarantees etc.) (if available)	
2020	2021
Additional quantitative information (e.g. number of beneficiaries per sector, average aid amount, size of the undertakings) ¹²	
2020	2021

Please also fill out the annexed summary excel file “SGEI Framework 2020 2021” with the total amounts per section for the whole Member State (not per region, local authority or municipality).

4. COMPLAINTS BY THIRD PARTIES

Please provide an overview of complaints by third parties, in particular litigation before national courts, regarding measures in scope of the 2012 SGEI Decision or 2012 SGEI Framework. Please be as specific as possible in your reply and include the sector for which you have received the complaints, the contents of the complaints and the possible follow-up by your authorities or the likely outcome of the court proceedings.

There have been no complaints by third parties.

5. MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

¹⁰ See footnote 9.

¹¹ See footnote 9.

¹² The Commission would welcome any data that you might have on aid granted under the 2012 SGEI Framework, for example the number of beneficiaries per sector, average amount of aid, amount per aid instrument, size of the undertakings, etc. Should such other quantitative information data not be readily available in your Member State, they can of course be presented in a more aggregated and/or estimated way. In that case please indicate that estimations have been used as well as the type of aggregation made.

a. We kindly invite you to indicate whether your authorities have experienced difficulties in applying the 2012 SGEI Decision and ask you to in particular consider the following issues:

- drawing up an entrustment act that complies with Article 4 of the SGEI Decision;
- specifying the amount of compensation in line with Article 5 of the SGEI Decision;
- determining the reasonable profit level in line with Article 5(5)-(8) of the SGEI Decision;
- regularly checking overcompensation as required by Article 6 of the SGEI Decision;

Please be as specific as possible in your reply, include relevant examples and, if applicable, the sector for which the difficulties are (most) relevant.

No difficulties arose in applying the 2012 SGEI Decision.

b. We kindly invite you to indicate whether your authorities have experienced difficulties in applying the 2012 SGEI Framework and ask you to in particular consider the following issues:

- carrying out a public consultation in line with paragraph 14 of the SGEI Framework;
- complying with public procurement rules in line with para 19 of the SGEI Framework;
- determining the net avoided cost as required by paras 25-27 of the SGEI Framework;
- determining the reasonable profit level in line with paras 33-38 of the SGEI Framework;

Please be as specific as possible in your reply, include relevant examples and, if applicable, the sector for which the difficulties are (most) relevant.

No difficulties arose in applying the 2012 SGEI Decision [sic].

c. If you have any other comments on the application of the SGEI Decision and the SGEI Framework on issues other than the ones covered in the previous questions please feel free to provide them below.

SGEI Decision in your Member State		Total amount for whole Member State	
		2020	2021
Article 2(1)(b)	Hospitals providing medical care, including, where applicable emergency services		
Article 2(1)(c)	Health and long term care		
	Childcare		
	Access to and reintegration into the labour market		
	Access to and reintegration into the labour market		
	Social housing		
	Care and social inclusion of vulnerable groups		
	Other social services		€ 124.137,82
Article 2(1)(d)	Air or maritime links		
Article 2(1)(e)	Airports and ports		
Article 2(1)(a), less then EUR 15 million per year	Postal		
	Energy		
	Waste collection		
	Water supply		
	Culture		
	Financial services		
	Other		

SGEI Framework in your Member State	Total amount for whole Member State	
	2020	2021
Postal		
Energy		
Waste collection		
Water supply		
Air or maritime links		
Airports and ports		
Culture		
Financial services		
Other		

SGEI Decision in your Member State		Total amount for whole Member State	
		2020	2021
Article 2(1)(b)	Hospitals providing medical care, including, where applicable emergency services		
Article 2(1)(c)	Health and long term care		
	Childcare		
	Access to and reintegration into the labour market		
	Access to and reintegration into the labour market		
	Social housing (Total)	943.024,86 €	1.548.486,48 €
	IPSEPA Institute for Psychotherapy, Professional and Personal Development (2 contracts: housing unit A and housing unit C)	321.895,00 €	419.952,95 €
	Nikos Nikolaou	153.956,25 €	205.275,00 €
	'Apostolos Loukas' Association of Parents of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities	122.237,50 €	161.250,00 €
	LC Educational (3 contracts: housing unit E, housing unit F, and autism housing unit C)	122.808,00 €	366.564,59 €
	Margarita Liasidou Foundation	137.861,47 €	187.281,96 €
	Pancyprian Organisation for the Blind	84.266,64 €	126.399,96 €
	Association of Persons with Autism (2 contracts: autism housing unit A and autism housing unit B)	-	81.762,48 €
Article 2(1)(d)	Care and social inclusion of vulnerable groups		
Article 2(1)(e)	Other social services		
Article 2(1)(a) less	Air or maritime links		
	Airports and ports		
	Postal		

Article 2(1)(a), less
then EUR 15 million
per year

Energy		
Waste collection		
Water supply		
Culture		
Financial services		
Other		

SGEI Framework in your Member State	Total amount for whole Member State	
	2020	2021
Postal		
Energy		
Waste collection		
Water supply		
Air or maritime links		
Airports and ports		
Culture		
Financial services		
Other		