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Commission decisions on State aid to the Publishing

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#	Decision	Member State	Decision Date	Decision type (*)
51	SA.101274 (2021/N) IT - Tax credit for the expenses incurred in 2020 by publishers for the distribution of newspapers and periodicals	IT	08/07/2022	Article 4(3)
Aid approved under Article 107(3)(c) TFEU to ensure the availability of printed newspapers and periodicals in particular in small municipalities and municipalities with only one point of sale of such publications.				
50	SA.100871 (2021/N) - Aid to all-online news media	FR	19/05/2022	Article 4(3)
Aid approved under Article 107(3)(c) TFEU to facilitate the development of the online news media sector, in particular the political and general information media and, moreover, contributing to promoting media pluralism and editorial independence.				
49	SA.102752 (2022/N) - Amended tax reduction on news media subscriptions (SA.59065)	FR	16/05/2022	Article 4(3)
Prolongation of the scheme approved in case SA.59065.				
47	SA.101182 (2021/N) BE -Digital transformation of media	BE	07/04/2022	Article 4(3)
Aid approved under Article 107(3)(c) TFEU to facilitate the digital transformation and technical innovation of the Flemish media industry.				
46	SA.62555 (2021/N) Aid for digital transformation of publishing	AT	20/12/2021	Article 4(3)
Aid approved under Article 107.3.c to promote the digital transformation of print media companies as well as of television and radio broadcasters.				
45	SA.63685 (2021/N) Aid for distribution of newspapers	SE	30/11/2021	Article 4(3)
Aid approved under Article 107.3.c to support and develop the availability of printed news content to all of Sweden's population.				
44	SA.60216 (2021/N) Tax credit for newspapers and periodicals-IT	IT	20/10/2021	Article 4(3)
Aid approved under Article 107.3.c in support of the production and dissemination of printed newspapers and periodicals with editorial content published in the Italian language.				
43	SA.60939 (2021/N) Aid to news publishers - LU	LU	28/06/2021	Article 4(3)
Aid approved under Article 107.3.c in support of professional journalism.				
42	SA.59065 (2021/N) Tax reduction on news media subscriptions-FR	FR	15/04/2021	Article 4(3)
Aid approved under Article 107.3.c to facilitate the development of the news media sector, in particular the political and general information publishers (IPG), by broadening their revenue base to enable them to carry out their activities and maintain media pluralism and editorial independence. The aid consist of a tax reductions to citizens subscribing to newspapers.				
41	SA.61014 (2021/N) Aid to the Slovenian Press Agency (STA)-SI	SL	29/04/2021	Article 4(3)
Aid approved under Article 106.2 for the provision of services of general economic interest (SGEI).				
40	SA.60697 (2021/N) State aid scheme to support the culture of national minorities in Slovakia	SK	16/04/2021	Article 4(3)



Aid approved under Article 107.3.d to support, preserve and protect, through the “Press Fund for the Promotion of National Minority Culture”, the identity and cultural values of national minorities living in Slovakia. The measure aimed at fostering editorial activity in periodicals and in non-periodical press for the purpose of preserving, expressing, protecting and developing the identity and cultural values of national minorities.				
39	SA.59381 (2021/N) Crédit d'impôt "création" - FR	FR	17/05/2021	Article 4(3)
Temporary support to commercial broadcasters facing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic for costs relating to investment in audiovisual productions.				
38	SA.59271(2020/N) Promotion of publishing industry in Slovenia-Prolongation-SI	SI	20/11/2020	Article 4(3)
A bundle of support mechanisms aiming at publishing of books and magazines, developing a reading culture.				
37	SA.57781 (2020/N) – Modifications of the Press and Media Aid schemes	SE	14/7/2020	Article 4(3)
Aid approved under Article 107.3.c TFEU to remedy the continued financial strain of the media sector, aggravated by the COVID-19 outbreak.				
36	SA.57399 (2020/N) Temporary aid to support the publication and distribution of printed general newspapers	SE	22/6/2020	Article 4(3)
Temporary aid measure approved under Article 107.3.c to support the publication and distribution of printed general newspapers for significant losses in advertising revenue, due to the significant economic downturn following the COVID-19 outbreak.				
35	SA.55996 (2019/N) Prolongation of aid to production and innovation aid to written media - DK	DK	22/01/2020	Article 4(3)
The objective of the scheme is to ensure media pluralism, dissemination of information and promotion of debate, and media content of high quality for Danish citizens.				
34	SA.54759 Aid for newspapers published in minority languages - FI	FI	12/09/2019	Article 4(3)
The scheme comprises selective subsidies granted to newspapers published in national minority languages (such as Sámi, Romany) and in Swedish (and the corresponding electronic media) and for the production of Swedish-language news services; only newspapers with an average circulation of up to 15.000 copies are eligible.				
33	SA.49405 (2018/N) - Media Aid - Sweden	SE	22/10/2018	Article 4(3)
Operational subsidies for newspapers and distribution subsidies for collaborative distribution schemes for printed newspapers, but it also intends to give incentives for the provision of local news coverage in areas with little or no journalistic coverage. Furthermore, it also provides innovation and development support.				
32	SA.47973 (2017/N) - French Press Aid 2015 Decree	FR	05/12/2017	Article 4(3)
Support to political and general information periodicals with low advertising revenues.				
31	SA.47448 Promotion of the Basque language in digital news media	ES	17/05/2017	Article 4(3)
Support to the presence and the use of the Basque language in Spanish-language media, to promote a bilingual and more cohesive society.				
30	SA.35474 (2015/E) - State aid to news agency EFE	ES	09/12/2016	Article 23(1)
Aid in favour of the Spanish news agency EFE. The measure constitutes a service of general economic interest, entrusting EFE, a Spanish international news agency, with the task to assure an independent reporting source for Spanish language media.				
29	SA.45512 (2016/N) - Aid to support the Valencian language in the press	ES	01/08/2016	Article 4(2)
Aid to printed and digital press in Valencia or with an offer targeting Valencia, for publications in the Valencian language.				
28	SA.43878 (2015/N) - State aid for cultural periodicals	ES	26/01/2016	Article 4(3)
Aid for the publication of periodicals (in print and online) which have an outstanding cultural significance but with a limited commercial potential. Such aid was already approved in 2012 (SA.34138).				



27	SA.43271 (2015/N) - Development aid for printed news media	SE	12/02/2016	Article 4(3)
Supports innovative projects undertaken by printed news media to promote digital publishing.				
26	SA.42308 (2015/N) - Press aid to newspapers (SA.23923, E4/2008)	SE	27/11/2015	Article 4(3)
Support to various periodicals, depending on volume and geographical coverage.				
25	SA.30481 (2012/E) - State Aid in favour of Agence France-Press (AFP)	FR	28/10/2014	Article 23(1)
Support to the activities of the French International Press Agency Agence France-Presse (AFP) defined as a service of general economic interest. The support takes the form of various measures and aims to assure an independent international reporting source for media in France and in other countries.				
24	SA.36366 (2013/N) – Production and innovation aid to written media	DK	04/07/2014	Article 4(3)
Aid to printed and online media; eligibility and selection criteria are focussed on the quality of content. The scheme also includes innovation aid aiming to promote new business models in a situation where the technological possibilities for media are rapidly evolving.				
23	SA.35816 (2012/N) - Individual aid to Petit Press, a.s.	SK	30/05/2013	Article 4(3)
Individual aid to Petit Press a.s. for the publication of the newspaper “Új Szó” and weekly magazine “Vasárnap” targeted towards the Hungarian minority living in Slovakia.				
22	SA.35815 (2012/N) - Individual aid to LILIUM AURUM, s.r.o.	SK	30/05/2013	Article 4(3)
Individual aid to Lilium, s.r.o for the publication of Hungarian language magazines and books targeted towards the Hungarian minority living in Slovakia.				
21	SA.35814 (2012/N) - Individual aid to MADÁCH-POSONIUM, s.r.o.	SK	30/05/2013	Article 4(3)
Individual aid to Madách-Posonium, s.r.o for the publication of Hungarian language magazines, web site and books targeted towards the Hungarian minority living in Slovakia. .				
20	SA.35595 (2012/N) – Prolongation of Promotion of the Publishing Industry in Slovenia	SI	24/01/2013	Article 4(3)
Support to publication of books and magazines; international publishing activities; development of reading culture; working grants for authors and translators in the fields of literature and the humanities.				
19	SA.33243 (2012/NN) - Jornal da Madeira	PT	07/11/2012	Article 4(2)
Support to Empresa do Jornal da Madeira, Lda. (EJM) which publishes daily newspapers devoted predominantly to affairs concerning the region.				
18	SA.34885 (2012/N) - Aid for newspapers - Finland – prolongation	FI	04/07/2012	Article 4(3)
Support to newspapers published in national minority languages (such as Sámi, Romany and Swedish) and for the production of Swedish-language news services.				
17	SA.34168 (2012/N) – Publishing aid for Basque literature	ES	18/06/2012	Article 4(3)
Support to publishing houses in order to incentivise the production of literature type of publications in the Basque language.				
16	SA.34138 (2012/N) – Aid for publishing cultural magazines	ES	31/05/2012	Article 4(3)
Support to the publication of cultural magazines which have only limited commercial potential due to their cultural character.				
15	SA.32886 (2011/N) – Tax credit aid in favour of publishing	IT	05/10/2011	Article 4(3)
A tax credit of 10% for publishers of the cost incurred in 2011 for the purchase of paper which was effectively used to print publications in Italian language.				
14	SA.23923 (E4/2008) - Press aid to newspapers	SE	20/07/2010	Article 23(1)
Support to various periodicals. The aid is calculated on the basis of volume of publication and the geographical coverage.				



13	SA.24120 (N537/2007) - Aid for newspapers – Finland	FI	20/05/2008	Article 4(3)
Support to newspapers' operating costs. Parliamentary subsidies are given to political parties with parliamentary representation and in proportion to this representation in order to support the party press and electronic publications. Selective subsidies support newspapers published in minority languages.				
12	SA.21894 (N712/2006) - Aid to LOAR s.r.o. for publishing a periodical Uj No	SK	21/12/2006	Article 4(3)
Individual aid for publishing "Új Nó", a periodical aimed at the Hungarian minority in Slovakia.				
11	SA.21834 (N687/2006) - Aid for periodical "OS-Forum občianskej spoločnosti" - Slovak Republic	SK	18/12/2006	Article 4(3)
Individual aid in favour of a periodical.				
10	SA.21815 (N675/2006) - Aid for newspaper "Szabad Újság" - Slovak Republic	SK	15/12/2006	Article 4(3)
Individual aid for publishing "Szabad Újság", a newspaper aimed at the Hungarian minority in Slovakia.				
9	SA.21795 (N664/2006) - Aid for newspaper "Uj Szó" - Slovak Republic	SK	11/12/2006	Article 4(3)
Individual aid for publishing "Új Szó", a daily newspaper aimed at the Hungarian minority in Slovakia.				
8	SA.21794 (N663/2006) - Aid for periodical "Vasárnap" - Slovak Republic	SK	11/12/2006	Article 4(3)
Individual aid for publishing "Vasárnap", a periodical aimed at the Hungarian minority in Slovakia.				
7	SA.21789 (N660/2006) - Aid for a newspaper to KALLIGRAM - Slovak Republic	SK	11/12/2006	Article 4(3)
Individual aid for publishing "Kalligram", a newspaper aimed at the Hungarian minority in Slovakia.				
6	SA.21053 (N306/2006) – Aid for the distribution of daily papers	DK	12/10/2006	Article 4(3)
Aid granted to publishers of daily newspapers in order to cover part of the distribution costs.				
5	N 25/2006 Aid to weekly newspapers, Denmark Distributionstilskud til dagbladslignende publikationer	DK	16/05/2006	Article 4(3)
Aid approved under Article 87.3.c (EC Treaty) for direct funding to publishers to cover parts of the costs related to the distribution of certain publications to subscribers				
4	SA.19697 (N355/05) – KALLIGRAM, s.r.o. - Individual aid in favour of newspaper	SK	23/11/2005	Article 4(3)
Support to a minority language (Hungarian) journal for literature.				
3	SA.19696 (N354/05) – Individual aid in favour of newspaper - MADACH-POSONIUM, s.r.o. Bratislava	SK	23/11/2005	Article 4(3)
Support to a minority language (Hungarian) journal.				
2	SA.19695 (N352/05) – LOAR S.R.O. - Individual aid in favour of newspaper	SK	23/11/2005	Article 4(3)
Support to a minority language (Hungarian) journal for women.				
1	N 631/2003 Aid for distribution of certain periodicals and periodicals	DK	16/06/2004	Article 4(3)
Aid approved under Article 88.3 (EC Treaty) for the distribution of certain periodicals and periodicals in Denmark. The law establishes a system of subsidies for the distribution of certain magazines and periodicals of a public interest nature, primarily in favour of magazines and periodicals published by associations.				

(* **Commission decisions:** the Commission issues the following types of decisions – as defined in the Council Regulation (EC) No 2015/1589 of 13 July 2015 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 108 of the EC Treaty (*Official Journal L 248*, 24.09.2015, page 9) - https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2015.248.01.0009.01.ENG
After a preliminary examination (phase I decisions):



1. **decision that a measure does not constitute aid** - where the Commission, after a preliminary examination, finds that the notified measure does not constitute aid - **art. 4(2)**
2. **decision not to raise objections** - where the Commission, after a preliminary examination, finds that no doubts are raised as to the compatibility with the common market of a notified measure, in so far as it falls within the scope of Article 87(1) of the Treaty - **art. 4(3)**
3. **decision to initiate the formal investigation procedure** - where the Commission, after a preliminary examination, finds that doubts are raised as to the compatibility with the common market of a measure - **art. 4(4)**

After a formal investigation procedure (phase II decisions):

1. **decision that a measure does not constitute aid (after formal investigation procedure)** - where the Commission, after formal investigation procedure, finds that, where appropriate following modification by the Member State concerned, the notified measure does not constitute aid -**art. 9(2)**
2. **positive decision** - where the Commission, after formal investigation procedure, finds that, where appropriate following modification by the Member State concerned, the doubts as to the compatibility of the notified measure with the common market have been removed - **art. 9(3)**
3. **conditional decision** - where the Commission attached to a positive decision conditions subject to which an aid may be considered compatible with the common market or laid down monitoring obligations - **art. 9(4)**
4. **negative decision without recovery** - where the Commission finds that the aid is not compatible with the common market and shall not be put into effect - **art. 9(5)**
5. **negative decision with recovery** - where the Commission finds that the aid is not compatible with the common market and, as it was unlawful aid, the Commission decides that the Member State concerned shall take all necessary measures to recover the aid from the beneficiary - **art. 9(5) with art. 16(1)**
6. **decision to close formal investigation procedure following the withdrawal of notification** – **art. 12(2)**

As regards **existing aid**, the Commission may **propose "appropriate measures"** to the Member State concerned – **art. 22**

Where the Member State accepts these measures, the acceptance is recorded by the Commission and they become binding upon the Member State – **art. 23**

Where the Member State concerned does not accept the appropriate measures, the Commission may open the **formal investigation procedure** (see above) – **art. 4 (4)**.