

## DIRECT ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES\_ VERSION 4.0\_ MODIFICATIONS\_ 24.04.2019

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1. **Page 12:** End Date: 14/06/2019
2. **Page 12:** The following text was added:

*“The total amount of de minimis aid granted per Member State to a single undertaking shall not exceed EUR 200 000 over any period of three fiscal years.  
The total amount of de minimis aid granted per Member State to a single undertaking performing road freight transport for hire or reward shall not exceed EUR 100 000 over any period of three fiscal years. This de minimis aid shall not be used for the acquisition of road freight transport vehicles.  
If an undertaking performs road freight transport for hire or reward and also carries out other activities to which the ceiling of EUR 200 000 applies, the ceiling of EUR 200 000 shall apply to the undertaking, provided that the Member State concerned ensures, by appropriate means such as separation of activities or distinction of costs, that the benefit to the road freight transport activity does not exceed EUR 100 000 and that no de minimis aid is used for the acquisition of road freight transport vehicles.”*
3. **Page 17:** Footnote “Please note that Bulgarian health institutions that are not established under the Commercial Act **and/or** where public bodies own more than 25% of their shares are not eligible.”
4. **Page 19:** Added points:

*(d) aid to export-related activities towards third countries or Member States, namely aid directly linked to the quantities exported, to the establishment and operation of a distribution network or to other current expenditure linked to the export activity;  
(e) aid contingent upon the use of domestic over imported goods.*
5. **Page 19:** Additional clarification concerning the E.U. Regulation 1407/2013 was added by the Special Service for State Aid :

*“Where an undertaking is active in the sectors referred to in points (a), (b) or (c) and is also active in one or more of the sectors or has other activities falling within the scope of E.U. Regulation 1407/2013, this Regulation shall apply to aid granted in respect of the latter sectors or activities, provided that the Member State concerned ensures, by appropriate means such as separation of activities or distinction of costs,*

*that the activities in the sectors excluded from the scope of this Regulation do not benefit from the de minimis aid granted in accordance with this Regulation.”*

6. **Page 20:** Additional clarification added: **“IMPORTANT NOTE: The submitted investment plan must be in compliance with all the requirements foreseen in Article 1 of the EU Reg.1407/2013.”**
7. **Page 21:** The text in red colour was added in Point 6.3 - *Expenses for services associated with the **preparation, submission, implementation and monitoring of the investment plan.***
8. **Page 26:** the headline “8.2.5 SOFTWARE EXPENSES” was corrected
9. **Page 27:** last bullet of Paragraph 8.2.7: same correction as in point 4 of page 21
10. **Pages 34 - 35:** Correction of the Call deadline
11. **Page 48:** Correction: **“Competent Body”** instead of the Managing Authority
12. **Page 51:** Additional bullet added: *“Change of the location of the investment; as long as the proposed change does not affect the investment plan, its physical object, the objectives, the terms and conditions of the call and, in addition, all the necessary supporting documents - as provided by the national laws of the two countries - are available.”*
13. **Page 63:** The following underlined or deleted changes are made:
  - a. Proof of electronic registration for the rent or concession of building or land facilities. The rental contract or the concession must have a duration of at least three (3) years from the date of the grant contract. Especially for the construction ~~of a building~~ works the duration of the rent must be at least eight (8) years from the date of the grant contract.
  - b. Building permit or exemption for small-scale works or any other form of approval of works as required by respective national regulations by the competent authorities or settlement/legalization of a building space for which a building permit or any other permit had not been secured in the first place. Otherwise the Building permit or any other permit **must** be submitted before the **request for** advance payment OR before the 1<sup>st</sup> request for payment if no advance payment has been given.

14. **Page 112:** point 9, the text in red was added: “*List of enterprise lawfully declared employees, indicating which of these employees are stationed at the assisted installation according to article 5, page 69.*”
15. **Page 112:** point 13, the following change was made: “**For all above mentioned cases the binding legal agreement** will be required with the signing of the Grant Contract”.
16. **Page 113:** point 14, the footnote is inserted: “**Otherwise the Building permit must be submitted before the request for advance payment OR before the 1st request for payment if no advance payment has been given.**”
17. **Page 114:** the following footnote has been inserted: “**Please note that especially in the case of construction works one (1) offer (or Bill of Quantities and costs) is enough for the Bulgarian Beneficiaries and in case of promotion actions, one (1) offer (print-screens from websites of relevant operators are accepted) is enough for the Bulgarian Beneficiaries**”
18. **Corrections in ANNEX V: EVALUATION CRITERIA** of the Call Document in order to:  
(a) correspond to the correct required application documents and (b) be in accordance with the modifications made in the Call document.
19. **ANNEX I.3 (excel file):** Correction made according to the point 4 of the present list (Category of expenses: *Expenses for services associated with the **preparation, submission, implementation and monitoring of the investment plan.***).