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Subject: **Invitation to a technical meeting on the draft supplementary information sheets to notify aid under the Guidelines on regional State aid for 2014-2020 (HT.4129)**

The new Guidelines for regional state aid for 2014-2020 (the "RAG") were adopted on 28 June 2013 and will enter into force on 1 July 2014. The current RAG supplementary information sheets¹ will not permit the Commission to obtain all information necessary

¹ The current RAG supplementary information sheets are the supplementary information sheets III.4 and III.5 in Annex 1 of the Implementing Regulation (EC) No 794/2004 of 21 April 2004, as modified.

for the assessment of the notified measures under the new RAG. In view of the foregoing it was decided to replace the existing RAG supplementary information sheets by a set of new sheets. These new supplementary information sheets for regional aid will be published, after obtaining the comments from your authorities, on DG Competition's website. At a later stage, they will be formally adopted by a Commission decision modifying the Implementing Regulation (EC) No 794/2004.

I am pleased to invite your authorities to attend a technical meeting with the services of DG Competition to discuss these draft supplementary information sheets. The meeting will take place in English.

This meeting will take place on:

7 February 2014

09:00 – 12:00

Rue Froissart, 36 – 1040 Brussels

Centre Albert Borschette – room 0D

The draft supplementary information sheets and the agenda for the technical meeting will be sent to you in January 2014.

I would equally appreciate if you would pass on this information to the competent authorities of your country so that they can make the necessary arrangements. Given the capacity of the meeting room, Member States are asked to limit their delegation to two persons per Member State.

You are kindly requested to confirm your presence and the list of participants at the latest by **10 January 2014** by email to comp-meetings@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,



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Annexes:

1. Information on reimbursement

Annex 1: Interpretation and reimbursement

No interpretation will be provided. The technical meeting will take place in English.

Given the capacity of the meeting rooms, Member States are asked to limit their representation to two persons per Member State.

The number of experts whose travel expenses will be reimbursed is limited to one per delegation.

Air travel refunding will be carried out on the basis of the air ticket in economy class, or failing this, in business class, in duly motivated cases only. The regulation concerning the reimbursement of the travel and subsistence expenses as well as of the expenses incurred during the trip of persons not employed by the Commission invited as experts, will be sent to you on request.

IMPORTANT

EXPERTS TRAVELLING BY PLANE ARE REQUESTED TO SYSTEMATICALLY ORDER THE LOWEST PRICED TICKETS AVAILABLE. IF, FOR ANY REASON BEYOND THEIR CONTROL, THEY ARE OBLIGED TO BOOK BUSINESS CLASS A JUSTIFICATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE TICKET.

ALL AIR TICKETS (+BOARDING PASSES) AND TRAIN TICKETS MUST BE SHOWN TO THE MEETING SECRETARY.

