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### FORMAL OPINION

**On the amendment / prolongation of the State aid scheme entitled “*Money for staffing*”, approved by the Order of the minister of labor, family and social protection no. 308/2009**

By analyzing the following:

The Draft of Order of the Minister of labor, family and social protection for the amendment of the State aid scheme entitled “*Money for staffing*”, related to the Sectorial Operational Program Development of Human Resources and approved by the Order of the minister of labor, family and social protection no. 308/2009 (hereby named the Draft);

and

the Information sheet on the State aid granted in accordance with the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General block exemption Regulation)*<sup>1</sup>,

submitted by the Ministry of Labor, Family and Social Protection by the address no. E1030/C/27.07.2011 and registered at the Competition Council with no. RG/10775/01.08.2011, in order to receive a formal opinion,

and ascertaining that:

1. By the Draft it is approved the prolongation of a State aid scheme for employing disadvantaged workers, scheme elaborated in accordance with the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty* and therefore, exempted from the notification obligation;
2. The scheme finances projects within the Priority Axis 5 “Promoting active measures for employment”, main intervention field 5.1 “Development and implementation of the active measures for employment” and the main intervention field 5.2 “Promotion of long term support for the rural areas as far as the upgrowth of human resources and employment is concerned”;
3. The only amendment brought to the scheme aims the prolongation of the time limit from 31.12.2010 to 31.12.2013;

<sup>1</sup> Published in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 214/09.08.2008.

4. The total estimated budget of the scheme is of 226.65 million RON, out of which 200.3 million RON come from European funds (FSE) and the difference represents national co-finance. The estimated number of beneficiaries within the scheme is of 520;
5. The amended scheme is set up in accordance with the provisions of the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty*;
6. The Information sheet meets the form and content of the standard form enclosed in Annex III to the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty*.

### **COMPETITION COUNCIL**

Based on the *Competition Law no. 21/1996, republished* and on art. 8 recital (1) of the *Government Emergency Ordinance no. 117/2006 on the national procedures in the State aid field, approved with modifications and completions by the Law no. 137/2007*,

### **ISSUES FORMAL OPINION**

For the *Draft of Order of the Minister of labor, family and social protection for the approval of the State aid scheme entitled “Money for staffing”* approved by the Order no. 308/2009 and for the Information sheet submitted by Romania in accordance with the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty*.

With the following comment:

As within the Draft it is made a reference to the provisions of the Solicitor’s Guide Book, it is necessary for it to be harmonized with the State aid scheme and both to be published, at the same time, on the grantor’s webpage.