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FORMAL OPINION

**On the amendment/ prolongation of the State aid scheme “Money for training”
approved by the Order of the minister of labor, family and social protection no. 309/2009**

By analysing the following:

Draft of Order of the Minister of labour, family and social protection for the amendment of the State aid scheme entitled “*Money for training*”, within the Sectoral Operational Programme “Development of Human Resources”, approved by the Order of the Minister of labour, family and social protection no. 309/2009 (hereby named the Draft).

and

the draft of 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)*¹,

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 of Order it is approved the amendment/prolongation of a State aid scheme for training, scheme set up 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 2 “Correlating learning during the activity on the labor market”, main intervention field 2.1 “Transition from school to active life” and the main intervention field 2.3 “Access and participation to the continuous training (FPC)” and the Priority Axis 3 “Increase of the workers’ and enterprises’ adaptability”, main intervention field 3.2 “Training and support for enterprises and employees to promote the adaptability”;
3. The main amendment brought to the scheme aims the prolongation of the time limit from 31.12.2010 to 31.12.2013;

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

4. The scheme's total estimated budget is to be modified from 208.1 million RON to 210.2 million RON, of which 194.4 million RON are coming from European funds (FSE), and the difference represents national co-finance. The estimated number of beneficiaries within the scheme is of 3,547;
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 labour, family and social protection for the amendment of the State aid scheme entitled "Money for training"*, approved by the Order no. 309/2009 and for the draft of Information sheet submitted by Romania, 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*,

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.