



## FORMAL OPINION

### **On the State aid regional scheme on the support of the investments promoting regional development by using new technologies and creating new jobs**

By analyzing the following:

Draft of Government Decision for setting-up the *State aid regional scheme on the support of the investments promoting regional development by using new technologies and creating new jobs* (hereby named the Draft)

and

draft of synthetic 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 Public Finance, by the address no.473331/ 27.06.2012, registered at the Competition Council with no. RG/8368/27.06.2012, in order to receive a formal opinion, and

ascertaining that:

1. By the Draft it is set up a State aid regional scheme on the support of the investments promoting regional development by using new technologies and creating new jobs, scheme set-up in accordance with the provisions of the *Regulation (EC) no. 1628/2006 on the application of Article 87 and 88 in the EC Treaty to the national regional aid for investments*<sup>2</sup> and, therefore, exempted from notification.
2. The State aid scheme is 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 EC Treaty*, which abolished the *Regulation (EC) no. 1628/2006* and fulfills the intensities set-up in the Regional Aid Map approved by the European Commission for Romania for the period 2007-2013<sup>3</sup>.
3. The objective of the scheme is to support the undertakings on achieving investments using new technologies and creating new jobs.
4. The conditions on the eligible costs and maintaining the investment are met, as provisioned for in the *Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of*

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

<sup>2</sup> Published in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 302/01.11.2006.

<sup>3</sup> Approved by the Decision N 2/2007, published in the Official Journal of the European Commission no. C 73/30.03.2007.

aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty.

5. The synthetic 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 art. 8 recital (1) of the *Government Emergency Ordinance no. 117/2006 on the national procedures in the State aid field, approved with amendments and completions by the Law no. 137/2007*,

### **ISSUES FORMAL OPINION**

For the set-up of the *State aid regional scheme on the support of the investments promoting regional development by using new technologies and creating new jobs* and for the Draft of synthetic 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*.