



FORMAL OPINION
on the Draft amending de minimis aid scheme for “Developing social economy - continued support for the creation and development of social economy structures”

By analyzing

the draft of de minimis aid scheme for “Developing social economy - continued support for the creation and development of social economy structures”, financed through the Sectoral Operational Programme "Human Resources Development" 2007-2013, Priority Axis 6 "Promoting social inclusion", intervention field 6.1 "Developing social economy", submitted by the Ministry of European Funds by the address no. 8563/17.04.2015, registered at the Competition Council with no. RG/4081/20.04.2015, in order to receive a formal opinion,

And ascertaining that:

1. The Scheme is financed from European funds - Sectoral Operational Programme "Human Resources Development" 2007-2013, and it comply with art. 7 (4) of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 77/2014.
2. The Scheme was set up based on the Regulation (EC) no 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid¹;
3. The scheme continues to award financial support initiated by de minimis scheme "Developing social economy" approved by the Order of the Minister of European Funds no. 746 / 07.07.2014.
4. The objective of the scheme is to develop social economy structures (SES) – the development and the promotion of income generating activities and services to help socially excluded people or those with risk of social exclusion to integrate or reintegrate into the labor market, social economy structures and / or conventional economy - and promoting social economy (cooperatives, social enterprises insertion, foundations, associations etc, voluntary organizations and other non-profit organizations) as a flexible and sustainable tool for economic development and job creation at regional and local level.

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5. The scheme grants the establishment of the SES with or without separate legal personality. Funding is limited to a maximum of 200,000 euro / 3 fiscal years / single undertaking (euro 100,000 enterprises engaged in transport of goods on behalf of third parties or surcharge).

6. The scheme is valid until 31 December 2015.

7. The total estimated budget allocated to the scheme is euro 180 million, amount allocated for the establishment / development of a maximum of 1 320 social economy structures.

COMPETITION COUNCIL

Based on art. 7 point (5) of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 77 of 3 December 2014 regarding national procedures in the state aid field and the amendment and completion of the Competition Law no. 21/1996,

ISSUES FORMAL OPINION

On the draft of the de minimis aid scheme for “Developing social economy - continued support for the creation and development of social economy structures”, pursuant to the Regulation (EC) no 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid.