



**FORMAL OPINION**  
**on the draft of De minimis aid scheme for "Stimulation of investments and creating new jobs across administrative division of the Zalau municipality"**

By analyzing

The draft of de minimis aid scheme for "Stimulation of investments and creating new jobs across administrative division of the Zalau municipality"

Submitted by the Zalău Local Council, Sălaj County, by the addresses no 26154/07.05.2015 and no 32317/05.06.2015, registered at the Competition Council with no. RG/5371/18.05.2015 and no RG/6694/12.06.2015, in order to receive a formal opinion,

and ascertaining that:

1. 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 aid<sup>1</sup>;
2. The main objective of the scheme is regional development of Zalau Municipality by supporting investments and creating new jobs;
3. Zalău City Council, Sălaj County, is managing the de minimis scheme and simultaneously is the supplier of the de minimis aid;
4. De minimis aid scheme complies with 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<sup>2</sup>, with the following specifications:
  - this de minimis aid scheme complies with art. 3(4) of the GEO no. 77/2014 – an opportunity analysis was drawn (attached);
  - because it is initiated by a local authority, this de minimis aid scheme shall comply with art. 7 (4) of the GEO no. 77/2014 – the Prefect Institution and the County Council were informed about the intention of drafting and adopting this scheme (attached).

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<sup>1</sup> Published in the Official Journal of the European Union no L 352/24.12.2013, final paper

<sup>2</sup> Published in the Official Gazette of Romania, part I, no. 893/9.12.2014.

5. De minimis aid is granted in the form of a reduction of the tax on buildings, depending on the value of investments and the number of new jobs created as a result of investments;

6. The budget of de minimis scheme allocated for the period 2015-2020 is eur 1,080,000 and the estimated number of beneficiaries is 10 undertakings;

7. The scheme is valid until 31 December 2020.

### **COMPETITION COUNCIL**

Based on art. 7 para (6) 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,

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