

European Commission has launched a public consultation on the Draft Communication on State aid to promote important projects of common European interest

The draft Communication will set out the conditions on how Member States can support the execution of Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs). Building on a specific provision of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, Article 107(3)(b), the draft communication provides guidance to Member States on how to support transnational projects which are of strategic dimension for the EU and for the realization of the Europe 2020 objectives.

The purpose of the present consultation is to collect views on the first draft text of the revised Framework.

The communication will update, consolidate and replace the rules on IPCEIs in the R&D and Innovation Framework and the Environmental Guidelines and extend them to other relevant sectors.

The draft communication is part of the State Aid Modernisation (SAM), setting an ambitious modernisation program fostering sustainable, smart and inclusive growth.

The period for this consultation is: 28.01.2014 – 28.02.2014.

The consultation is available in:

- Draft Communication:

http://ec.europa.eu/competition/consultations/2014_state_aid_cei/draft_communication_ipcei_en.pdf