# \* State Aid for Research, Development and Innovation Projects Intensive Training | 12 – 13 May 2020 | Brussels, Belgium



# **Programme**

### Session 1: Concept of State Aid

- EU and national support for R&D&I and the concept of State aid
- Non-economic research vs economic research

# **Session 2: Regulatory Framework**

- GBER provisions on R&D&I
- Framework on R&D&I
- Use of art. 19 of the R&D&I Framework vs use of art. 25-27 GBER

#### **Session 3: Specialized Topics**

- Collaborative research between research organisations and undertakings
- Identification of market failure and determination of necessity and proportionality of State aid and use of repayable advances
- Design of claw-back mechanisms in the funding of research infrastructures

### **Session 4: Case Studies from Member States**

- How to identify innovative SMEs and choose an appropriate funding instrument
- How to encourage cooperation between research organisations and undertakings
- How to fund research infrastructure

#### Venue

#### **UM Campus Brussels**

Avenue de Tervueren 153 | 1150 Brussels

#### **Participation Fee**

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# Experts (among others)

### **Phedon Nicolaides**

Professor at Maastricht University; Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, and Academic Director at Lexxion Training

#### Péter Staviczky

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### Joanna Fornalczyk

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A thesis of 10,000 words will have to be submitted to Maastricht University. Its topic will have to be approved by Professor Phedon Nicolaides, who will also read and evaluate the thesis. Candidates will be encouraged to focus their theses on actual national issues, problems or challenges, and propose possible solutions.

#### Fees

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# 2020 at a Glance.

February	
27 – 28	Fundamentals of State Aid Law   Amsterdam
27 – 28	Public Procurement Requirements for ESI Funds   Paris
March	
03 - 04	State Aid Requirements for Services of General Economic Interest   Brussels
12 - 13	State Aid Procedures - The Legal Obligations and Rights of the Parties Involved   Lisbon
19 - 20	How to Most Effectively Use Technical Assistance for ESI Funds Now and in 2021-2027   Florence
25 – 26	Indicators, Monitoring and Evaluation in ESIF Programme and Project Management   Milan
25 – 27	Spring Course: Public Procurement from A-Z   Milan
26 – 27	Programme and Financial Management of ESI Funds 2021 – 2027   Nice
26 – 27	Effective Programming and Implementation of Financial Instruments   Malaga
30.31.4.	Spring Course: Simplified Cost Options for ESI Funds   Catania
April	
01 - 03	Real-life On-the-spot Visits: How to Detect and Combat Irregularities & Fraud in ESI Funds   Maastricht
02 - 04	Verwaltung und Prüfung der Europäischen Struktur- und Investitions-Fonds (in German)   Hamburg
02 - 04	EStAL Seminar   Catania
21 - 22	State Aid for Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Areas   Brussels
22 - 24	Spring Course: Concept & Principles of State Aid   Athens
22 – 24	Advanced Spring Course: Innovative Approaches to Risk Analysis, Verifications and Audits in ESI Funds   Nice
23 - 24	$Migration\ and\ Security\ Funds:\ How\ to\ Effectively\ Manage,\ Audit\ and\ Control\ AMIF\ \&\ ISF\ Now\ and\ in\ 2021-2027\  \ Nice$
23 – 24	Essentials of e-Procurement   Rome
May	
12 - 13	State Aid for Research, Development and Innovation Projects   Brussels
14 – 15	How to Conduct Management Verifications Most Effectively   Bologna
27 – 29	Summer Course: Financial Control and Audit in ESI Funds Now and in 2021-2027   Sicily
28 – 29	Workshop: 2-Day Anti-Fraud Game with Jo Kremers   Sicily
28 – 29	Essentials of Public Procurement   Florence
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June	Chata Aid Assassment and Evaluation   Duvesale
09 – 10	State Aid: Assessment and Evaluation   Brussels
09 – 10	How to Successfully Manage, Control and Audit IPA Funds   Amsterdam
11 - 12	ESI Funded Agriculture Programmes and Projects   Catania
17 - 19	Summer Course: Irregularities and Fraud in ESI Funds and Public Procurement   Athens
17 - 19	Summer Course: Effective Usage of EU Financial Instruments Now and in 2021-2027   Lake Como
18 – 19	Master Class: Probity and Public Procurement   Budapest
June	EStALI Interactive Forum on EU State Aid Law   Brussels
30.6. – 1.7.	Master Class - "State Aid Uncovered" with Prof. Dr. Phedon Nicolaides   Florence



#### July - August

Summer Break

#### September

02 - 04 Intensive Summer Course: Public Procurement from A-Z | Venice
17 - 18 Interactive Workshop: Implementation of e-Government Concepts | Rome
22 - 25 Intensive Summer Course: State Aid - Concept, Principles, Exemptions & Guidelines | Lake Como
24 - 25 Interactive Workshop: Performance Audit for ESI Funds | Sicily
24 - 25 Interactive Workshop: Public Procurement Requirements for ESI Funds | Athens
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# October

01 - 02 Intensive Training: State Aid for Energy and Environment | Brussels
06 - 07 Interactive Practical Course on State Aid in ESIF Programme and Project Management | Vienna
15 - 16 EPPPL Forum | Nice
15 - 16 Interactive Workshop: How to Most Effectively Use TA and Close the Operational Programmes | Athens
15 - 16 Interactive Workshop: The Assurance Package: Get Ready for February 2021! | Stockholm
22 - 23 Interactive Workshop: Simplified Cost Options | Verona

#### November

29 - 30

05 - 06 Interactive Workshop: Indicators, Monitoring and Evaluation in ESI Funds | Rome
10 - 11 Intensive Training: State Aid for Tax Measures | Brussels
23 - 24 Interactive Workshop: Closure of ESI Funds 2014-2020 | Alicante
25 - 27 Intensive Autumn Course: How to Effectively Manage, Audit and Control AMIF & ISF in 2021 -2027
26 - 27 Interactive Workshop: Audit and Control of ESI Funds in 2021-2027 | Florence
26 - 27 ESTALI Autumn Conference | Brussels
26 - 27 Interactive Workshop: Essentials of Public Procurement | Vienna

Interactive Workshop: Monitoring, Audit and Control of EU Fls | Florence

#### December

01 - 02 Master Class - "State Aid Uncovered" with Prof. Dr. Phedon Nicolaides | Krakow
 03 - 04 Master Class on Public Procurement | Paris
 03 - 04 Interactive Workshop: Errros, Irregularities and Fraud in ESI Funds Now and in 2021-2027 | Rome
 03 - 04 Interactive Workshop: Effective Programming and Implementation of Financial Instruments | Vienna



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