

# STATE AID AND OTHER TOOLS TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### THE ITALIAN JOURNAL CONCORRENZA E MERCATO INVITES SUBMISSIONS FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL (TO BE PUBLISHED IN 2015)

The ongoing **economic crisis** has pushed the European Commission to **modernize** its **State Aid regime**. This process has three main objectives: to foster economic growth, to focus the enforcement on cases with a most significant impact on the functioning of the internal market and to provide for faster decisions.

To this purpose, in **2013** the European Commission adopted a new *de minimis* Regulation for State Aid (no. 1407/2013), Guidelines on regional State aid for 2014-2020 (C 209/1), Communications on measures in favour of films and other audiovisual works (C 332/1), banks (C 216/1) and broadband networks (C 25/1). In **2014**, the European Commission has continued with the program of State aid modernisation, by adopting a new version of the general block exemption Regulation (no. 651/2014), Communications on environmental and energy aids (C 200/1), on aviation (C 99/3), on risk finance (C 19/4) and the framework for state aid in research, development and innovation (C 198/1). With respect to the **banking sector**, the Commission has published an updated Banking Communication and the EU has agreed a single resolution mechanism to operate alongside the state aid rules.

On the whole these new rules are intended to strengthen the role of state aid as means **to foster growth-enhancing policies**. However, the effectiveness of State aid control may be undermined by **national budgetary constraints**. Moreover, State aids also raise **competition concerns**. Accordingly the Commission has also sought to strengthen public enforcement by improving the **review of notified aids**, and by being more vigilant over **unlawful aid** (e.g. Court of Justice, C-411/12).

These developments raise a number of questions, that contributors are invited to address. For example: how to promote the use of public resources for **growth-oriented policies** without undermining the **level playing field** in the single market; how to address the **protection of "national champions"** by several Member States; how to improve **public and private enforcement** in the area of State aid; how the state aid regime impacts on **the relationship between the state and the market**.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Submission

Articles complying with the **Editing criteria and house style** (available at the link below) must be submitted to the **Editorial Committee** via email: [concorrenzaemercato@gmail.com](mailto:concorrenzaemercato@gmail.com) by **31 January 2015**.

### Language and review

The articles, which must not have been published nor accepted for publications in other publications, may be written in **Italian, English or French**. Other languages may be accepted at the discretion of the Editorial Board. **Double blind peer review** will be conducted under the auspices of the Scientific Committee in accordance with the **journal's Regulations** (also available at the link below).

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