

• Master Class “State Aid Uncovered” with Prof. Dr. Phedon Nicolaides

Master Class | 30 June – 01 July 2020 | Florence, Italy

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Comprehensive analysis of recent judgments and Commission Decisions on the State aid concept and exemptions and in-depth problem solving of participants’ cases.

Programme

Day 1

Detailed analysis of recent judgments on the concept and exemptions of State aid. The sessions on the first day have a twofold purpose. First, they provide a thorough review of the latest Court rulings and Commission Decisions. Second, they draw lessons on how the Case law and Commission evolving practice impact the design of “good” State aid measures.

Day 2

Problem-solving: How to improve your own State aid measure and ensure its compatibility with the internal market. The whole day is devoted to the discussion of cases submitted by participants. The lessons drawn from the review of the first day will be used to analyse the problematic aspects of submitted cases and identify possible solutions.

Expert

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

“The structure of the course is precisely what is required to turn practitioners into experts: well-considered curriculum, practical discussions of the key State aid issues and high level tutoring of Prof. Nicolaides, who is the leading academic authority in State aid law.”

(former Participant)

Venue

Unique venue in the heart of Florence

Participation Fee

Reduced fee for public authorities: 1.810 EUR excl. VAT

Regular fee: 2.010 EUR excl. VAT

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22% Italian VAT will be added.

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To be awarded the Professional Certificate on European State Aid Law you need to successfully complete, within a two-year period:

1. Standard Course on the Concepts of State Aid

Our standard courses will give you a comprehensive overview of the essential State aid regulations and provide you with a practical "toolbox" for assessment of State aid and design of public measures compatible with the Internal market.

2. Master Class "State Aid Uncovered"

The Master Class is intended for officials with previous experience in State aid. In addition, the number of participants is kept low in order to maximise the possibility for interaction and debate. This is because the aim of the Master Class is, first, to examine exclusively recent developments in the Case law, presupposing that participants are already familiar with basic concepts, and, second, to identify solutions to problems introduced by participants themselves. All participants contribute to the discussion of the problems and the assessment of possible solutions.

3. One Specialist or Sectoral Seminar of your Choice

The sectoral seminars focus on one of the following issues or areas: Agriculture, transport, structural funds, financial instruments, environment and energy, services of general economic interest, fiscal aid and evaluation of State aid. Seminars on other specialist issues are also organised from time to time.

Submission of a Thesis to Maastricht University

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

1. The normal participation fee for each of the professional seminars by Lexxion Publisher
2. An administrative fee of 1.000 EUR to cover the thesis supervision and assessment and documentation costs (excl. VAT).

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
- 30.3.–1.4. [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

- 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

European State Aid Law

European Structural and Investment Funds

European Procurement and Public Private Partnership Law



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
tbc	Programme and Financial Management of ESI Funds 2021 – 2027 tbc

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
29 – 30	Interactive Workshop: Monitoring, Audit and Control of EU FIs Florence

November

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	EStAl Autumn Conference Brussels
26 – 27	Interactive Workshop: Essentials of Public Procurement Vienna

December

01 – 02	Master Class – “State Aid Uncovered” with Prof. Dr. Phedon Nicolaidis Krakow
03 – 04	Master Class on Public Procurement Paris
03 – 04	Interactive Workshop: Errors, 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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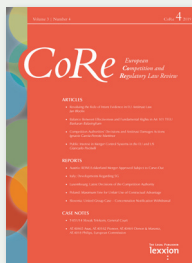
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