

# Interactive Online Course

**16 – 17 June 2020**  
**State Aid for Airlines and Airports**

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**Intensive 2-day interactive online course for officials, professionals and funding beneficiaries who have knowledge of State aid and are involved in airports and airlines field.**

**Join from wherever you are – high-quality content delivered to your (home) office.**

### Day 1:

- ✓ Concept of State aid
- ✓ Review of principles of special concern to airports and airlines
- ✓ Guidelines on State aid to airports and airlines
- ✓ Overview of important EC Decisions for airports and airlines
- ✓ GBER provisions on airports
- ✓ Case Study: Quantification of damage in view of the impact of Covid-19 on air transport

### Day 2

- ✓ Case Studies: Sweden, Hungary, Germany
- ✓ Swedish experience: SGEI for regional airports
- ✓ Lubeck judgment
- ✓ Fraport case



## OVERVIEW

### Overview

Our two-day interactive online course on State aid for airlines and airport combines the presentation of rules and principles of Special Concern to Airports and Airlines with an in-depth analysis of most significant cases and Commission Decisions. On Day 1 we will focus on regulations unique for this sector, while Day 2 will be completely dedicated to case studies.

### Methodology

An interactive online course by Lexxion Publisher combines **presentations, cases studies and discussions on practical problems. All speakers present live via video and audio.** Participants are actively involved in the online courses. By offering our participants the possibility to **use their microphones and cameras during the whole course**, we aim to **recreate the atmosphere of a face-to-face Lexxion course.** We encourage our participants to **ask questions in real time and to take part in live discussions** with speakers and other participants. Additionally, we offer **breakout sessions**, as part of this format, where participants **work in smaller groups on real-life cases and exercises.** During these exercises, participants have the technical possibility to see other group members and talk to them (using microphone and camera). There are ample opportunities for the participants to **present their own problematic issues, discuss and solve them with the speakers and participants from other Member States.**

### Who should participate?

- Departments responsible for airports funding in Ministries of Transport and Infrastructure and their implementing agencies
- Public officials from departments in regions and municipalities dealing with transport and infrastructure
- Legal departments of airline companies
- Legal departments of airports
- State Aid Monitoring Offices
- Lawyers and consultants



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## PROGRAMME DAY 1 & 2

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10:00 Welcome and Introduction

#### **10:10 Concept of State Aid**

- 10:30
- Notion of economic activity and how to identify the aid beneficiary
  - Meaning to state resources
  - How to establish whether a measure confers a selective advantage
  - Competition and its effects on trade between Member States

#### **Phedon Nicolaides**

11:10 Short Break

#### **11:20 Guidelines on State Aid to Airports and Airlines**

- Key novelties of the guidelines
- Investment and operating aid
- Start-up aid to airlines
- Social aid and SGEI

#### **An Renckens**

Case handler, DG COMP, State aid in the transport unit, European Commission

#### **Daiwa Żukowska**

Case Handler, State aid Transport, DG COMP – Directorate-General for Competition, European Commission, Brussels

12:00 Virtual Lunch Break

#### **13:00 Overview of Important EC Decisions in the View of Covid-19**

13:30 Short Break

#### **13:35 Application of MEIP to Airports**

#### **Nicole Robins**

Partner, Oxera, Brussels

14:30 Short Break

#### **14:35 Case Study: Quantification of Damage in View of the Impact of Covid-19 on Air Transport**

Nicole Robins

15:30 Q & A Session and End of Day 1

#### **10:00 Lubeck Judgment on Selectivity in Airport Pricing**

#### **Péter Staviczky**

State Aid Attaché, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU, Brussels

11:00 Short Break

#### **11:10 Case Study**

- Application of MEIP to airports
- MEIP rules for airport users
- MEIP in case of airlines
- Hungarian airport case

#### **Péter Staviczky**

12:00 Virtual Lunch Break

#### **13:00 Case Study: Sweden**

- SGEI for regional airports

#### **Erik Gadman**

Counsel, Gernandt & Danielsson, Stockholm (tbc)

14:00 Short Break

#### **14:05 Case Study: Germany**

- Compliance of agreements of public airports and airlines with State aid rules
- Fraport case study

15:00 Q & A Session and End of Day 2



## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Bigmarker is our webinar platform. In order to join our webinar, please check your device compatibility first.**

### What do you need in order to join the online course?

- ✓ Speakers, Microphone; Camera is possible, if you would like to be seen during the online course.
- ✓ A wired connection is strongly recommended.
- ✓ If your internet connection doesn't work, you can join the online course by telephone, using a dial-in number. In this case there might be additional telephone costs.

### How to join the online course?

- ✓ Choose the computer from which you would like to follow the course.
- ✓ Please check your device compatibility.
- ✓ As soon as you get the invitation link: Please register for the online course by clicking the invitation link.
- ✓ 15 minutes before the course: Bring your headphones and camera, click the invitation link, enter and enjoy the interactive online course!

### Minimum system requirements are as follows:

- ✓ Operating System: Windows 7 or later; Mac OS X 10.12 or later, Linux.
- ✓ Browser: The most recently-published versions of Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Safari, or Opera.
- ✓ High-speed internet: A consistent, high-speed connection is required. Mobile tethering, hotspots, slow or inconsistent public Wi-Fi networks may create latency when using video conferencing.

## FAQ

### Why do I need to register before the online course starts?

Thank you for registering! This not only helps us to communicate with you in regard to technical issues but it helps you to network with your fellow participants.

### Will the live course be recorded?

Please ask the responsible conference manager.

### Do I need a camera?

It is recommended to have a camera for more comfortable communication with the speakers and other participants.

### Do I need a microphone?

Since this is an interactive online course, yes.

### Do I need to install anything?

No. We expect you to have a browser.

### Can I ask questions during the live course?

Yes, you can ask your questions live by using your microphone and camera. You can speak to all participants at the same time as you may have experienced in Skype.

### When can I enter the live course I'm attending?

15 minutes before the start. You only can enter if you have passed the system check.

### May I leave the online course and come back later?

Yes, just log in at a later time during the course.

### May I access via Phone?

Yes, you can. Participating via phone means you can listen only. There may be telephone costs for dial-in.

### Can't find invitation?

Please check your spam-folder. You should also ask your colleague from the IT department to 'whitelist' us. For more details please ask the corresponding conference manager, who will be happy to help you.

### I failed the Firewall System Check – what can I do?

Please contact your IT department and have them open the necessary ports, which can be found here.

### What are the detailed System requirements?

All requirements can be found here.

### I failed the Audio Output System Test – what can I do?

If you are using headphones or external speakers, try unplugging them. Please unmute your device. Test your speakers here to find out if they work.

### I would like to participate but I'm waiting for an approval.

#### Can I order a ticket on the day of the online course?

Sure. Please message [webinar@lexxion.eu](mailto:webinar@lexxion.eu). We need to have a separate testing before the start of the course.

### My email address has changed – can I still participate?

Sure. Please provide us with your updated email address; you will then receive a new invitation.

### How do I contact the host of the online course?

[webinar@lexxion.eu](mailto:webinar@lexxion.eu) is happy to help you.



## REGISTER

### Participation fee

- YES, I would like to participate for the reduced fee for public authorities **EUR 790** (excl. VAT).
- YES, I would like to participate for the regular fee of **EUR 990** (excl. VAT).

Discount for European State Aid Law Quarterly (EStAL) subscribers: € 50,-

The German VAT of 19% will be added, if applicable.

### Newsletter subscription

- Please send me information about State Aid issues for free. I may unsubscribe from this service any time.

### Cancellations

Cancellations should be made in writing per post or fax. Please note that the full fee will be charged in case of no show at the online event or for cancellations received after 9 June 2020. Nomination of a substitute remains possible without any additional costs. For more detailed information, scope and conduct of contract as well as cancellation policy, please check the Terms & Conditions on our website.

### Please register with:



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### Upcoming event:

#### **Online Master Class – ‘State Aid Uncovered’ with Prof. Dr. Phedon Nicolaides**

30.06.2020 - 01.07.2020

Comprehensive analysis of the recent Judgements and Commission decisions on State aid concept and exemptions, the related aspects in the Commission’s Notice on the Notion of Aid, and in-depth problem solving of participants’ cases.

Every participant has an exclusive opportunity to have a one-on-one meeting with Phedon Nicolaides to discuss your case and ask the questions directly from the speaker.