



Interactive
**Online
Course**

1 – 2 December 2020

**State Aid 2020 for Transport Services
and Infrastructure**

Experts

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The two-day interactive online course focuses on the following topics:

Day 1:

- Concept of state aid and its application to the transport sector
- Application of the Market Economy Investor Principle [MEIP] in transport: Recent judgments
- SGEI in the transport sector
- Developments in the application of the Regulation 1370/2007

Day 2:

- State aid and Railways: The perspective of the aid recipient
- National experiences in granting State Aid in transport
- Guidelines on State Aid to Airports and Airlines & Overview of Important Commission Decisions
- State aid and Covid-19 in the Airline industry

OVERVIEW

Methodology

An interactive online course by Lexxion Publisher combines presentations, case 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.

Your benefits

The participants will be actively involved in the training. The sessions will combine presentations, case studies and discussion on practical problems. You will have ample opportunities to present your own problematic issues and discuss them with the speakers and participants from other Member States.

Target Group

- Experts from the State Aid Monitoring Offices
- Public officials involved in funding and financing of transport services and infrastructure from:
 - Ministries for Transport and Infrastructure
 - National agencies for Transport, Railways, Roads and other transport sectors
 - Regional governments
 - Communal and City council
- State aid experts from:
 - Railways undertakings
 - Airport operators
 - Airlines
 - Ports & other private companies involved transport services
- Lawyers and consultants specialized in transport and public affairs

Day 1

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Day 1

10:00 Welcome

10:15 Concept of State Aid and its Application to the Transport Sector

Phedon Nicolaides

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 Application of the Market Economy Investor Principle [MEIP] in Transport: Recent Judgments

Phedon Nicolaides

13:15 Virtual Lunch Break

13:45 SGEI in the Transport Sector

- The concept of SGEI in transport services
- Definition of the scope of public service obligations [PSO]

Phedon Nicolaides

14:30 Developments in the Application of the Regulation 1370/2007

Philipp Melcher,
Consultant, Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles,
Soares da Silva & Associados, Lisbon

15:15 Sum-up by **Phedon Nicolaides** and end of the first day

Day 2

10:00 **Welcome and Summary of Day 1**

10:05 State Aid and Railways: The Perspective of the Aid Recipient

Benjamin Linke

Senior Legal Counsel, Legal Department,
Deutsche Bahn, Frankfurt, Germany

11:15 Coffee Break

11:30 National Experiences in Granting State Aid in Transport

Péter Staviczky

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Brussels

13:00 Virtual lunch break

13:30 Guidelines on State Aid to Airports and Airlines & Overview of Important Commission Decisions

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14:30 State Aid and Covid 19 in the Airline Industry

Bastiaan de Bruijne

General Counsel at Airports Council
International (Europe)

15:30 Sum-up by **Phedon Nicolaides** and end of the second day



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 online@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?

online@lexxion.eu is happy to help you.

REGISTER

Participation fee

- YES, I would like to participate for the reduced fee for public authorities **EUR 790,00** (excl. VAT).
- YES, I would like to participate for the regular fee of **EUR 990,00** (excl. VAT).

The applicable VAT will be added.

Newsletter subscription

- Please send me information about European State aid law 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 24 November 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.



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Upcoming event:

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

8 – 9 December 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.