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Competition policy - upcoming policy developments

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Antitrust (2024-2029)

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	2026								
	2024	2025	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	2027	2028	2029
Regulation 1/2003 and 773/2004	Publication of Staff Working Document (Q3)	Call for Evidence Public Consultation (Q3)			Adoption of legislative proposal				
Guidelines on exclusionary abuses of a dominant position under Article 102 TFEU	Public Consultation (Q3)		Adoption (TBC)						
Review of the Technology Transfer Block Exemption Regulation (TTBER)	Publication of Staff Working Document (Q4)	Call for Evidence Public Consultation (Q1) Public Consultation on draft revised TTBER+GL (Q3)		Adoption					
Review of the Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulations (MVBBER)	Call for Evidence (Q2)	Public Consultation (Q1)		Publication of Staff Working Document			Public Consultation on draft revised MVBBER+GL (Q3)	Adoption (Q2)	



Affordable housing

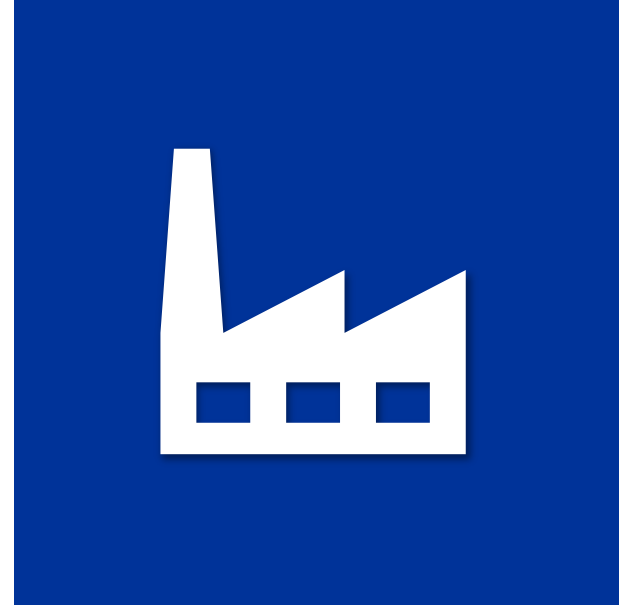


- 16 December 2025: Adoption of the revised SGEI Decision
- **Main changes:**
 - *Policy developments* easier for Member States to finance affordable housing;
 - *Administrative simplification* (i) reduced reporting and frequency of overcompensation checks; (ii) simplified compliance for non-profit entities.
- **Next steps: Staff Working Document** (Q1 2026); affordable housing in GBER (end 2026); Guidance Document (2026/2027)

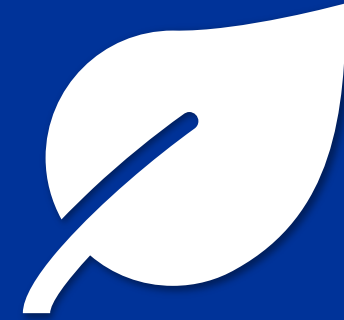
ETS Guidelines

- **23 December 2025: adoption of the technical amendment**
 - ✓ **Sector eligibility extended** based on market developments (rise in emission costs), option to notify additional sectors if duly justified and increase of aid intensity for already eligible sectors
 - ✓ **Update of parameters** determining the amount of compensation, based on most recent data available
 - ✓ **Update of emission factors and geographical zones** for the period 2026-2030
- **31 December 2030** Expiration of the current guidelines.

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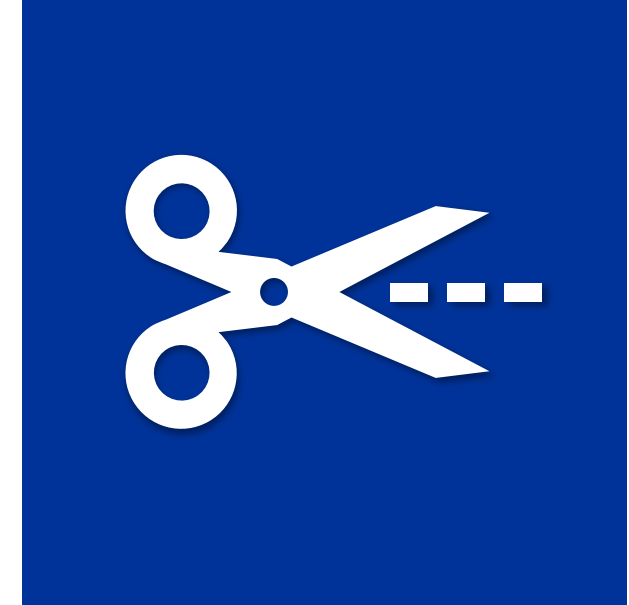


Aarhus review procedure



- **12 May 2025:** Adoption of the **amendments to the State aid Implementing Regulation and the Best Practices Code** to implement the Aarhus Convention Committee's findings in Case ACCC/C/2015/128
- **13 June 2025:** Publication in the OJ - the new procedure **enters into force**
- **November 2025: Guidance on the notion of 'intrinsically linked'**
- **November 2025:** Meeting of the Parties of the Aarhus Convention - **the ACCC found the Commission in compliance with the findings in case ACCC/C/2015/128**

GBER



- **End of February/start of March 2026: Public consultation** on a draft text
- **March/April 2026: Advisory Committee** with Member States
- **December 2026:** aiming at a revised GBER by the time the current GBER expires

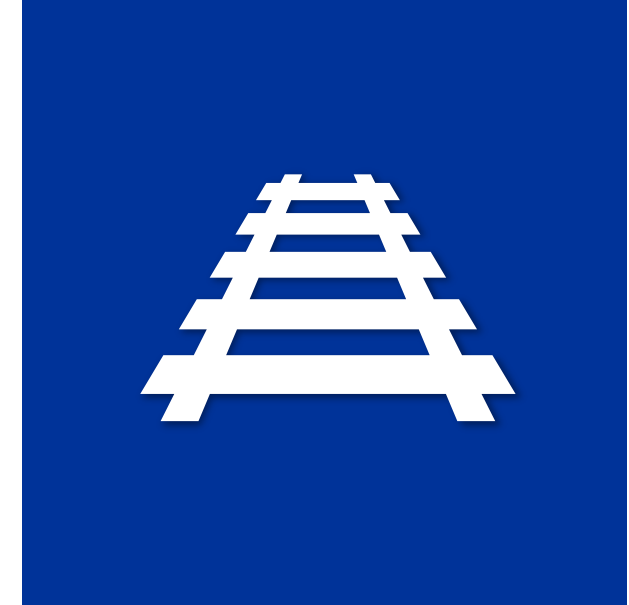
Transport

Land and Multimodal Transport Guidelines Transport Block Exemption Regulation

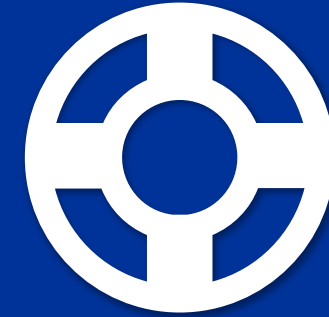
- Q1 2026 Planned adoption

Guidelines for State aid for airports and airlines

- **2025/2026** Impact Assessment
- **2026** Public consultation
- **March/April 2027** Adoption of **new Aviation Guidelines**



Rescue and restructuring



- **22 August 2025 - 14 November 2025:**
Call for evidence and public consultation on questionnaire
- **Currently** assessing the submissions received
- **End of 2026:** current guidelines will expire/**new guidelines will be in place**



Guarantee Notice



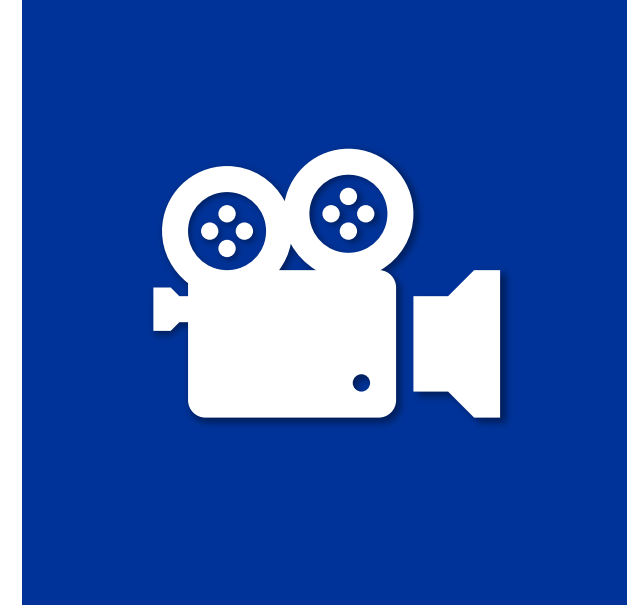
- **13 October 2025** Publication of the **Staff Working Document** concluding the evaluation of the Guarantee Notice

The conclusion is that the Guarantee Notice has a clear added value, but there is room for some fine-tuning

- **February 2026**: Publication of a **Call for Evidence**



Broadcasting



- **15 October 2025- 14 January 2026:** Call for evidence, public consultation and expert consultation on the Broadcasting Communication
- **Currently** assessing the submissions received
- **Q4 2026:** publishing of Staff Working Document summarising the findings of the evaluation

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Thank you

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