



NORTHERN PERIPHERY PROGRAMME

DATASHEET 12: Competition rules / De minimis

Competition rules

Aid under the Northern Periphery Programme will be provided only where it is consistent with the de minimis provisions or the block exemptions for aid to small and medium sized enterprises and training aid.

De Minimis

Private project applicants can only be granted aid from the Northern Periphery Programme if they can prove they have not received public aid amounting over 100,000 EUR over a three-year period.

The ceiling applies to the total of all public assistance considered to be de minimis aid and will not affect the possibility of the recipient obtaining other aid under schemes approved by the Commission. This ceiling applies to all kinds, irrespective of the form it takes or of the objective pursued, with the exception of export aid, which is excluded from the benefit of the de minimis rule. The public assistance, which is allowed up to the 100,000 EUR ceiling, comprises all aid granted by the national, regional or local authorities, regardless whether the resources are provided from domestic sources or are part financed by the European Union.