



PROGRAMME

Modernization of State Aid Rules

27th Mars 2014, from 16h00 to 18h00
European House, Jungmannova 24, Prague 1

Before the end of 2013, the effect of wide range of State aid instruments had expired and with the view to challenge the new MFF 2014-2020 and the need for consolidation of national budgets, the European Commission proposed the overall modernization of State aid rules. In the context of the modernization, a wide range of State aid provisions will be revised. At the same time the procedures (Procedural regulation) should be simplified and the State aid definitions clarified in order to accelerate Commission's decisions. The European Commission set out an ambitious State aid reform programme in the Communication on State aid modernisation on May 8, 2012. The revision concerns the Guidelines on regional State aid, the Guidelines on State aid for research and development and innovation, Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection, Guidelines on State aid to promote risk finance investments and Broadband Guidelines. Modernisation concerns also the Regulation 1998/2006 on the application of articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to de minimis aid, the Commission Regulation 800/2008 (General Block Exemption Regulation) and the Enabling Council Regulation. Their revised versions should enter into force on July 1, 2014 as well as the Regional aid guidelines.

The aim of the debate is to discuss the changes brought by the modernization of State aid rules and its impact on Czech entities.

What will be the role of the EC and Czech public bodies under the new guidelines? What will be the impact of the transition from the ex ante controls of State aid to ex post controls? What are the challenges brought by new rules in the field of Block exemptions?

The debate will be opened by **Jan Michal**, Head of the European Commission Representation to the Czech Republic, followed by:

- **Josef Schwarz**, Directorate General for Competition, European Commission
- **Ramona Ianus**, Directorate General for Competition, European Commission
- **Hynek Brom**, First Vice-Chairman, Czech Office for the protection of competition
- **Ondřej Dostal**, Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU

The discussion will be moderated by **Alena Mastantuono**, Director of CEBRE – Czech Business Representation to the EU

Partners:

University of Economics in Prague - Faculty of International Relations and University of Finance and Administration.

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