



**Formal Opinion
on the simplified notification of the amendments made to the State aid scheme designed to
support Romanian cinematography**

By analyzing

The Draft of the Decision of the National Centre of Cinema Director for amendments made to State aid Scheme established by the General terms and conditions for the State aid scheme designed to support Romanian cinematography

And

Annex no. II Simplified notification form,

Submitted by the National Centre of Cinema by the address no. 9391/10.12.2014, registered at the Competition Council with no. RG /14695/11.12.2014, in order to receive a formal opinion,

and

ascertaining that:

1. On 6 July 2010 the Romanian authorities notified the Commission the Scheme designed to support Romanian cinematography
The State aid was authorized by the European Commission by the Decision no. C(2010)8915 final/14.12.2010.
2. The state aid scheme approved by the Decision of the National Centre of Cinema Director no. 122/27.10.2010 shall be implemented until 31.12.2014.
3. The overall budget of the authorized scheme is RON 347 million. The estimated number of beneficiaries is 750.
4. The objective of the scheme is to promote culture and to preserve cultural heritage by supporting the development of the film industry, culture and cinematographic education in Romania, as well as to support the production of films by encouraging private initiative in the areas of creation, financing, production, and distribution of Romanian films or films made with Romanian participation.

The state aid takes the form of *direct credits* for the production of fictional, animated or documentary feature films, respective of *indirect financial support* in the form of non-reimbursable grants to the producers, co-producers and financiers involved in the production of a film which has benefitted from a *direct credit* or to legally authorised persons who contribute to the making of a commissioned film.

5. The Draft of the Decision submitted to the Competition Council does not bring modifications to the granting conditions of the State aid, the amendments aiming only the extension of the



scheme's validity period until November the 15th, 2015 and the increase of the budget with 30 million lei for 2015.

6. The Notification is filled out in accordance with the standard form enclosed in Annex II to the Commission Regulation (EC) No 794/2004 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 659/1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 93 of the EC Treaty, with the subsequent amendments and completions.

COMPETITION COUNCIL

Based on the *Competition Law no. 21/1996, republished, with the subsequent amendments and completions* and of art. 8 recital (1) of the *Government Emergency Ordinance no. 117/2006 on the national procedures in the State aid field, approved with amendments and completions by the Law no. 137/2007,*

ISSUES FORMAL OPINION

For simplified notification of the amendments made to the State aid scheme designed to support Romanian cinematography, amendment instituted by the Decision of the National Centre of Cinema Director.