



**FORMAL OPINION**  
**On the State aid scheme for the start-up of new air routes with departure from “Danube Delta” Tulcea Airport**

By analyzing

The intention of the Autonomous Administration “Danube Delta” Airport to grant financial aid for the opening of new routes and/or air frequencies on this airport

And

the Standard Notification Form for the State aid measures enclosed in the State aid scheme for the start-up of new air routes with departure from “Danube Delta” Airport (2015-2017), submitted by Autonomous Administration “Danube Delta” Airport, by the address no. 277/02.12.2004 and registered at the Competition Council with no. RG/14310/03.12.2014, in order to receive a formal opinion,

and

ascertaining that:

1. “Danube Delta” Airport is a company controlled by Tulcea Local County, having the statute of Autonomous Administration. Therefore, in accordance with the Romanian law, “Danube Delta” Airport is a legal entity which functions based on economic administration, benefits and financial autonomy, its management being ensured by an independent Board of Directors.

2. The main objective of the State aid scheme to be implemented is the start-up of new air routes and/or air frequencies with departure from “Danube Delta” Airport, having as destination cities within the European Union, which would lead to the improvement of the access to air transport services, services of vital importance for the economic and social development of the Tulcea County.

3. The scheme will concur to the regional development of the area by:

- Improving the accessibility of the inhabitants within this region;
- Improving the accessibility for the business environment within this region by developing close connections with the European markets;
- Fostering the development of new air connections with the rest of Europe;
- Fostering foreign investments;
- Fostering the internal tourism.



4. The State aid scheme was elaborated in compliance with the conditions provided by the *Guidelines on State aid to airports and airlines*<sup>1</sup>,
5. The proposed State aid scheme will be in force for 2 years (2015-2017), being conditioned by the European Commission's prior authorization.
6. The total budget of the scheme is estimated at Euro 1.131.588.
7. The notification is completed in accordance with the standard forms enclosed in the Annex I to the Regulation (EC) no. 794/2004 implementing Council Regulation 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*,

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