



FORMAL OPINION

on the draft of Decision on the set-up of a State aid scheme to support investments promoting regional development by creating jobs

By analyzing

The Draft of Decision on the set-up of a State aid scheme to support investments promoting regional development by creating jobs (hereby named the Draft)

and

The draft of Synthetic Information sheet on the State aid granted in accordance with the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty*¹,

Submitted by the Ministry of Public Finance, by the address no. 550912/07.04.2014, registered at the Competition Council with no. RG 3738/07.04.2014, in order to receive a formal opinion,

and

ascertaining that:

1. By the Draft it is set-up a regional State aid scheme for supporting investments in order to create jobs. The scheme was elaborated based on the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty*, and meets the intensities stipulated in the Regional Aid Map approved by the European Commission for Romania for the period 2007-2013²;
2. The objective of the Scheme is to support undertakings to make investments promoting regional development by creating jobs;
3. The scheme is valid until June the 30th, 2014;
4. The conditions related to eligible costs and maintaining jobs, as provisioned for by the *Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty*, are being met;

¹ Published in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 214/09.08.2008.

² Approved by the Decision no N 2/2007, published in the Official Journal of the European Union no. C 73/30.03.2007.

5. The Information sheet meets the form and content of the standard form enclosed in Annex III to the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty*.

COMPETITION COUNCIL

Based on 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 the set-up of the State aid scheme to support investments promoting regional development by creating jobs and for the Draft of synthetically information sheet submitted by Romania, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty*.