

DE MINIMIS STATE AID DECLARATION

It is a requirement of the European Structural Funds regulations that we ensure that we comply with the state aid rules.

The assistance you are being offered is being given under the European Commission's State Aid regulations¹. This allows a company to receive up to **€200,000**² of De Minimis state aid over a rolling three-year period.

To confirm that you are able to receive this assistance you must therefore declare the full amount of De Minimis aid you have already received over the last 3 fiscal years.

The following is not a comprehensive list of the possible forms of aid. However it should give an indication of the most common forms of aid, which you may have been given over the past three years. Potentially any assistance from a public body might be an aid. Should you have any doubts on this matter, please contact the body from which the assistance was received.

- Grants from public bodies
- Loans from public bodies at favourable rates
- Loan guarantees from public bodies
- Differential tax benefits
- Grants from an investment trust (including charities) which may themselves have received the funds from a public body
- Grants from a part publicly funded venture capital fund
- Publicly administered funds, even if the funds were originally not public such as the national lottery
- Waiving or deferral of fees or interest normally due to a public body such as the waiving or deferral of rent or waiver of interest normally due on late payment of taxation or other costs to a public body
- Monopoly licences or guarantees of market share
- Advertising via a public channel such as a tourist board or state owned television
- Consultancy advice provided either free or at a reduced rate
- Training provided either free or at a reduced rate
- Aid for investment in environmental projects
- Provision of a free or reduced rate feasibility study for research and development or other assistance with research and development
- Purchase of public land or property at a less than market rate
- Benefiting from the provision of infrastructure where your organisation was pre-identified as a beneficiary

These types of aid may have been provided under De Minimis (as De Minimis aid) or under another State Aid regulation. If you are in any doubt whether aid received was De Minimis aid or about its value, check with the organisation, which provided it. If they are unable to say or there is any uncertainty, assume that it was De Minimis aid unless its value exceeded **€200,000** in which case it cannot have been De Minimis. Any De Minimis state aid awarded to you under this project will have to be declared if you apply, or have applied, for any other De Minimis aid.

Declaration

I declare that the comprehensive amount of De Minimis aid received by the company/organisation over the last three rolling years is:

Year 1 2009 £	Year 2 2010 £	Year 3 2011 £	Total £

Organisation	
Name	
Position	
Date	
Signature	

¹ Commission regulation (EC) No.1998/2006 of 15 December 2006 on the application of articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to De Minimis aid.

² EC European Economic Recovery Plan - Increase in Amount of "De-Minimis" Aid payable to Companies:
The European Commission adopted a temporary framework (valid to 31 December 2010) on 17 December 2008 as part of their European Economic Recovery Plan providing additional possibilities to tackle the impact of the economic downturn. Included within the measures was an increase in the amount of aid – of up to €500,000 and under certain criteria - that can be granted to an organisation and considered compatible with the EC Treaty. (CLG ERDF Guidance Note 3 Feb. 2009)