

## WORKSHOP-SERIES: STATE AID IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

*Series of capacity-building workshops on enforcement of the State aid acquis in the energy sector, drawing on the most relevant guidance documents, best practices, case studies and experiences*

**Objectives:** this two-days' workshop aims to build capacity among national State aid authorities of Energy Community Contracting Parties on understanding the notion of State aid in the energy sector and applying EU State aid instruments - specifically the CEEAG and CISAF - to energy sector measures.

### Target audience

- Staff and decision-makers from national State aid authorities of the Contracting Parties.
- Legal officers and economists involved in assessing draft support schemes and individual measures.

**Format:** online

### **1<sup>st</sup> Workshop on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026 | UNDERSTANDING THE NOTION OF STATE AID IN THE ENERGY SECTOR**

Agenda 10:00 - 12.30

#### 10:00-10:15 | Opening and Introduction

- Energy Community State aid enforcement architecture
- Interactive poll: assessment frequency and measure types

**Speaker:** Marie-Therese Richter-Kuhnert, ECS

#### 10:15-10:45 | Fundamentals of State Aid Control

- Overview of Article 107 TFEU and the four cumulative criteria for State aid
- Explanation of the criteria: selective advantage, State resources, distortion of competition, and effect on trade
- Specificity of State aid control in the energy sector

**Speaker:** Tetiana Mylenka, ECS

10:45-11:15 | State Aid in Energy: Practical Examples

Speaker: Violeta Iftinchi, DG COMP

11:15-11:30 | Break

11:30-12:00 | State Aid in Energy: Applicable Frameworks and examples

- Applicability of GBER, CEEAG, CISAF
- Other tools: ETS State Aid Guidelines, IPCEI
- Practical examples

Speaker: Marlene Wimmer-Nistelberger, CMS (Vienna)

12:00-12:30 | Mutual Exchange and Q&A

- State aid authorities share experiences in identifying State aid measures
- Common pitfalls and unresolved issues
- Wrap-up

Moderator: Tetiana Mylenka, ECS

## 2nd Workshop on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2026 | COMPATIBILITY ASSESSMENT OF STATE AID IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

Agenda 10:00 - 12:30

### 10:00-10:15 | Introduction to Compatibility Assessment

- Overview of Article 107(3)(c) TFEU
- The compatibility assessment framework under CEEAG
- Relationship with GBER and other horizontal guidelines

Speaker: Tetiana Mylenka, ECS

### 10:15-11:00 | The CEEAG, CISAF and the New Temporary Framework in Detail + Practical Case Exercise

- Scope and definitions
- Categories of aid covered: renewable energy, energy efficiency, infrastructure, capacity mechanisms
- Common assessment principles: objective of common interest, necessity, appropriateness, proportionality
- Renewables support schemes (tenders/CfDs): step-by-step compatibility assessment

Speaker: Kevin O'Connor, DG COMP

### 11:00-11:15 | Break

### 11:15-12:00 | CISAF and Simplified Procedures

- Objectives and scope of CISAF
- Simplified procedures for renewable energy deployment
- Support for clean technology manufacturing
- Aid for critical raw materials and risk reduction measures
- Intersection of CEEAG and CISAF: procedure and essentials

Speaker: Marlene Wimmer-Nistelberger, CMS (Vienna)

## 12:00-12:30 | Mutual Exchange, Q&A, and Wrap-up

- State aid authorities share best practices in compatibility assessment
- Discussion of problematic issues and solutions
- Closing remarks

Moderator: Tetiana Mylenka, ECS

