



Green Industry Innovation Bulgaria Partnership opportunities and legal issues

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- EU competition – state aid
- Public procurement may apply, also for private companies
- Bulgarian laws and permissions
- The project contract



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State aid

- EU and EEA: state subsidies should not distort competition, but
- General Block Exemption Regulation (800/2008)
 - research, development and innovation
 - Aid for environmental protection
 - Regional aid (30-50% + possible bonus for SMEs)
- - De minimis
- http://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/overview/index_en.html

State aid - Application of the rules

- Part of the rules and procedures, standard terms and, if needed, special conditions in the project contract
- Travel support will be awarded as de minimis
- SME- and de minimis-declarations will be required

Relevant State Aid categories



- Regional Aid – maximum grant rate 50% plus 20% bonus for small enterprises or 10 % bonus for medium sized enterprises.
- Research and Development and Innovation, experimental development – maximum grant rate of 25% plus SME bonuses and collaboration bonus of 15% under certain conditions.

Green Industry Innovation Programme Romania

Relevant State Aid categories –cont.



- Aid for environmental protection – maximum grant rate of 35% plus SME bonuses.
- Aid for training – specific training 25%, general training 60% plus SME bonuses.
- Aid for consultancy in favour of SMEs- maximum grant rate of 50%.

Public procurement

- In compliance with the Regulation on Norway Grants
- Bulgarian legislation implementing EU-legislation
- Special conditions in the project contracts

- **The purpose is to ensure transparency and «best value for money»**

Public procurement issues

- Starting point: A Project Promoter that receives 50 per cent public funding or more of the eligible expenditures of the project shall conduct its procurement for that project in compliance with the national public procurement law as though the Project Promoter were a contracting authority
- Bulgarian national thresholds will decide

Bulgarian Thresholds

Procurement by public call:

- BGN 45 000 > Works < BGN 240 000
- BGN 15 000 > Services > BGN 60 000

Procurement by simplified procedures

- BGN 240 000 > Works < BGN 2 400 000
- BGN 60 000 > Service < special rules

Procurement by EU tenders

- Works > 2 400 000

- Individual partners: parent company and subsidiary can not be partners
- The Partnership Agreement shall determine the obligations of the parties
- The role of partner must be relevant to the project



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Bilateral partnership Projects

- The applicant , project promoter is responsible for the project towards Innovation Norway
- Expenses for both partners may be eligible in the project
- Disbursement direct to Norwegian partner after approval of project promotor and power of attorney to Innovation Norway
- Public procurement and/or market prices will apply

How to find a partner?

Main portal for private sector: www.nortrade.com
www.kompass.com

Enterprise Europe Network: <http://een.ec.europa.eu/>

Other relevant web-sites:

Green Business Norway (association for NO companies with green clean technologies): www.greenbusiness.no

NHO (Norwegian Confederation of Enterprise): www.nho.no

ARENA – a Norwegian national programme for regional business clusters: www.arenaprogrammet.no

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