

# De minimis aid and State aid

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What qualifies as State aid?  
Who is the beneficiary?

# Characteristics of State aid

1. Aid granted by a Member State or through State resources, **AND**
2. Aid distorts or threatens to distort competition, **AND**
3. Aid favours certain undertakings or the production of certain goods, **AND**
4. Aid affects trade between Member States.

# Possible state aid situation

SO 1.2. – all the activities, because carried out by SMEs

# Programme grants

→ *De minimis* aid with maximum co-financing rate 85%.

→ Certain types of State aid.

↓ No aid for export

# De minimis aid

- ✓ Per partner €200 000 in three years. ERDF up to 85%

# State aid (GBER\*)

- ✓ Article 20: cooperation costs. ERDF up to 50%.
- ✓ Article 25: aid for research and development projects. ERDF 25-80% depending on the activities.
- ✓ Article 31: training aid. ERDF up to 70%.

*\* These articles are selected for this presentation as relevant to the applications to be submitted under SO 1.2.*

You can get both *de minimis* and State aid  
in one project



# Dividing the budget

## Types of activities

- ✓ Stages of product development
- ✓ Equipment and investments
- ✓ Trainings, study trips
- ✓ Marketing, trade fairs

Staff costs have to be divided between different types of activities

**How does it look in eMS?**

# Example I

*(any resemblance to real activities, planned or implemented, is purely coincidental)*

If one partner applies for both *de minimis* and State aid, different activities may get aid with different intensity:

- ✓ The activities must be divided into logical thematic groups.
- ✓ One or several groups will get *de minimis aid*, as much as there is leftover for given concrete partner organisation.
- ✓ (Group of) activities that do not fit under *de minimis*, get aid according to the relevant article in GBER.
- ✓ As in eMS you cannot insert different ERDF percentage for different activities in one partner budget, you need to insert the partner more than once.

# Example II

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Project Summary

Partners

Project Description


Work Plan

Project Budget

Project Budget Overview

Attachments

## Partner List

Number ↕	Name ↕	Nationality ↕	Inside programme area	Abbreviation ↕	Role ↕	View Partner
1	Paleo OÜ	EESTI	Yes	Paleo OÜ	Lead Partner	 View
2	SIA Meža	LATVIJA	Yes	SIA Meža	Project Partner	 View
3	Paleo OÜ	EESTI	Yes	Paleo OÜ	Project Partner	 View

 New Partner

# Example III

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## Project Budget Overview (total values)

Partnership and budget (based on information filled in sections Partners and Partner budget)

Partner			Programme Co-financing			Contribution			Total Eligible
Partner	Partner Abbreviation	Country	ERDF	ERDF Co-financing (%)	Percentage Of Total ERDF	Public Contribution	Private Contribution	Total Contribution	Total Eligible
1 - Paleo OÜ	Paleo OÜ	EESTI	€ 123 462.50	85.00 %	53.39 %	€ 0.00	€ 22 185.00	€ 21 787.50	€ 145 250.00
2 - SIA Meža	SIA Meža	LATVIJA	€ 62 028.75	85.00 %	26.82 %	€ 0.00	€ 10 946.25	€ 10 946.25	€ 72 975.00
3 - Paleo OÜ	Paleo OÜ	EESTI	€ 45 725.00	50.00 %	19.77 %	€ 0.00	€ 44 000.00	€ 45 725.00	€ 91 450.00
Sub-total For Partners Inside			€ 231 216.25	--	100.00 %	€ 0.00	€ 77 131.25	€ 78 458.75	€ 309 675.00
Sub-total For Partners Outside			€ 0.00	--	0.00 %	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
Total			€ 231 216.25	--	100.00 %	€ 0.00	€ 77 131.25	€ 78 458.75	€ 309 675.00

 Export

# What to do?

- State aid annex of the manual.
- Contact secretariat by sending description of activities:

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Latvian partners need to submit statements of *de minimis* aid if relevant

Received *de minimis* aid and state aid for Estonian partners will be checked in register:

<https://rar.fin.ee/>