

Mastering State Aid and Grant Allocation: From Fundamentals to Advanced Practice in EU Funds

DATE: 20, 21 and 22 April 2026
LOCATION: Aristo meeting center
Teleportboulevard 100
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About The Seminar

This three-day seminar provides a comprehensive and practice-oriented introduction to EU State Aid Law and the allocation of public funds. Tailored to both newcomers and experienced professionals, the program combines legal foundations with real-world application, focusing on the interpretation and implementation of State Aid rules in the context of EU-funded programs and projects.

Participants will gain in-depth knowledge of the rationale behind State Aid rules, key legal concepts, types of aid, and compliance requirements. The seminar also addresses current policy developments, funding instruments such as loans and guarantees, irregularities, and practical strategies for ensuring legal certainty and audit readiness.

Through a mix of expert input, interactive sessions, and practical case studies, this seminar offers valuable tools for navigating the complexities of State Aid law and maximising the effective use of EU resources.

Program

20 April 2026	21 April 2026	22 April 2026
09.00 Welcome and introduction of the participants	09.00 Wrap up day 1 – Q&A session	09.00 Wrap up day 2
09.30 Introduction to EU State Aid Law – history and motivation	09.15 Services of General Economic Interest (incl. Altmark)	09.15 State Aid rules and infrastructure
10.30 Coffee break	10.00 First practical example: assessment of a State aid case	10.00 Practical example on infrastructure - assessment
10.45 Key concepts and principles and types of state aid rules	10.30 Coffee break	10.30 Tea break
12.00 De minimis aid: practical experiences	10.45 Outcome and discussion	10.45 Outcome and discussion
12.30 Lunch break	11:30 State Aid rules and SCOs	11.15 Aid for Innovation (R&D)
13:30 What is a SME company?	12.00 Dealing with irregularities and recovery of aid and audit	11.45 Supporting green transition and environmental aid
14.15 How to combine EU funding and national funding	12.30 Lunch break	12.30 Lunch break
15.00 Tea break	13.30 Financial Instruments (loans, equity, guarantees)	13:30 Third practical example
15.15 How to grant legitimate State aid: using the GBER	14.15 Incentive effect, Transparency Module	Assessment, discussion and explanation on a case
16.30 End of day 1	15.00 Coffee break	15.00 Tea break
	15.15 Novelties like the upcoming de-minimis register and EU Industry Policy	15.15 Assessing State aid projects of the participants
	16:15 End of day 2	15:45 Wrap up of the seminar and sharing eyeopeners
		16:15 End of seminar

The topics on the agenda will be presented and discussed with practical cases and situations to achieve a maximum learning experience.

Meet our speakers



Katarzyna Pamuła

Katarzyna Pamuła has extensive experience in legal advisory related to State aid and European funds. She worked for almost 11 years at the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection (UOKiK) in the Department of State Aid Monitoring, where she held the position of Deputy Director for the last four years. She then spent 4.5 years as a Director at the advisory firm Olesiński & Wspólnicy, where she supported entrepreneurs in safely and effectively using State aid and advised authorities responsible for granting aid. She is currently working again at the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection.

Katarzyna is an experienced academic lecturer. Over the past 10 years, she has conducted numerous lectures and workshops on State aid, both in Poland and across Europe. Since 2015, she has been a lecturer in the Postgraduate Studies in State Aid at the Warsaw School of Economics. Katarzyna is a graduate of the Faculty of International and Political Studies of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow.



Melvin Könings

Melvin Könings is senior managing consultant on EU State aid affairs for the Lysias Consulting Group in The Netherlands. He studied Public Administration. Melvin has a wide practical experience in local, national, and international civil service.

From his in deep State aid assessments, Melvin Könings knows a wide variety of policy instruments in detail. Not only from a legal perspective, but also from an economic and political perspective. He is also very well informed on the notification procedures for State aid measures, both procedural but also practical.

Melvin has a lot of experience in providing State aid training. He was a lecturer in the European Institute for Public Administration (EIPA) in Maastricht (NL) and at present he is visiting lecturer at the Avans University of Applied Sciences (NL). He regularly provides presentations for both civil service and industry.

Price and Registration The price of this seminar is € 1.795 excluding VAT for early booking (before 28 March 2026). Afterwards the price is € 1.995 excluding VAT. You are welcome to reserve your seat(s). For this, please book via our website http://www.seeu-academy.eu or send an email to: registration@seeu-academy.eu Please provide for each participant the following information in your email: Full name / Institution / email / mobile number / invoice address Invoice The invoice will be sent after the registration and is to be paid within 14 days (and ultimately one week in advance of the seminar).	Cancellation Cancellation of participation must be in writing and is free of charge up to 14 days before the start of the event. In case of no-show or cancellation later than two weeks before the date of the event, the entire event price plus VAT is due. Questions If you have any further questions, please contact us. Email: info@seeu-academy.eu
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We are looking forward to welcoming you.
See U in Amsterdam!

