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**Subject: State aid SA.103501 (2022/N) – Greece
Amendment to the Regional aid map for Greece (1 January 2022 – 31
December 2027) - increased aid intensities for territories identified for
support from the JTF**

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1. PROCEDURE

- (1) The Commission approved the regional aid map for Greece for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2027 (hereinafter “regional aid map for Greece”) by Commission decision of 6 January 2022¹ (hereinafter “initial Decision”).
- (2) By electronic notification dated 24 June 2022, registered at the Commission on the same day (Ares(2022)4653837), the Greek authorities notified an amendment to the

¹ Commission decision of 6 January 2022 in case SA.100372 (2021/N) Regional aid map for Greece (1 January 2022 – 31 December 2027), available at:
https://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/cases1/202204/SA_100372_3002737E-0200-CC2D-906B-137DA96852F2_30_1.pdf

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regional aid map for Greece in order to increase the aid intensities for the territories identified for support from the Just Transition Fund² (hereinafter “JTF”).

- (3) Greece exceptionally agrees to waive its rights deriving from Article 342 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (hereinafter “TFEU”), in conjunction with Article 3 of Regulation 1/1958 and to have this Decision adopted and notified in English.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTIFIED AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL AID MAP

- (4) In their notification, the Greek authorities propose to increase the aid intensities for territories identified for support from the JTF by 10 percentage points, in application of paragraph 187 of the Guidelines on regional State aid³ (hereinafter “RAG”). Those territories are located in NUTS 2 regions identified in the regional aid map for Greece as areas eligible for aid under Article 107(3)(a) TFEU (hereinafter “a’ areas”). Greece proposed the increased aid intensities to apply for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2027.
- (5) The territories for support from the JTF were identified in the territorial just transition plans of Greece approved as part of the programme “*Just Development Transition*” for support from the JTF under the Investment for jobs and growth goal in Greece⁴ by Commission decision of 16 June 2022 (hereinafter “Commission implementing decision”)⁵.
- (6) Table 1 presents the list of territories identified for support from the JTF together with the maximum aid intensities as set out in the regional aid map for Greece and the proposed maximum aid intensities.

Table 1: Proposed new aid intensities for JTF territories

NUTS Code	Name of NUTS 2 region	Maximum aid intensities in the regional aid map for Greece	Proposed maximum aid intensities
EL41	Βόρειο Αιγαίο / Voreio Aigaio	50%	60%
EL411	Λέσβος, Λήμνος / Lesvos, Limnos		
EL412	Ικαρία, Σάμος / Ikaria, Samos		
EL413	Χίος / Chios		
EL42	Νότιο Αιγαίο / Notio Aigaio	30%	40%

² OJ L 231 of 30.6.2021, p. 1.

³ OJ C 153, 29.4.2021, p.1.

⁴ The Just Development Transition of Greece (CCI 2021EL16JTTPR001); part of the programme is the Territorial Just Transition Plan for “North & South Aegean Islands and Crete” (Νότιο Αιγαίο / Notio Aigaio, Βόρειο Αιγαίο / Voreio Aigaio and Κρήτη / Kriti), the Territorial Just Transition Plan for “Megalopolis” (Μεγαλόπολης / Megalópolis) that also identifies the neighbouring municipalities of Γορτυνίας / Gortynías, Τρίπολης / Trípolis and Οιχαλίας / Oichalías, and the Territorial Just Transition Plan for “Western Makedonia” (Δυτική Μακεδονία / Dytiki Makedonia).

⁵ Article 4 of the Commission implementing decision of 16 June 2022 approving the Just Development Transition for support from the JTF under the Investment for jobs and growth goal in Greece (CCI 2021EL16JTTPR001).

EL421	Κάλυμνος, Κάρπαθος – Ηρωική Νήσος Κάσος, Κως, Ρόδος / Kalymnos, Karpathos, Kasos, Kos, Rodos		
EL422	Άνδρος, Θήρα, Κέα, Μήλος, Μύκονος, Νάξος, Πάρος, Σύρος, Τήνος / Andros, Thira, Kea, Milos, Mykonos, Naxos, Paros, Syros, Tinos		
EL43	Κρήτη / Kriti	40%	50%
EL431	Ηράκλειο / Irakleio		
EL432	Λασιθί / Lasithi		
EL433	Ρέθυμνο / Rethymni		
EL434	Χανιά / Chania		
EL53	Δυτική Μακεδονία / Dytiki Makedonia	40%	50%
EL531	Γρεβενά, Κοζάνη / Grevena, Kozani		
EL532	Καστοριά / Kastoria		
EL533	Φλώρινα / Florina		
EL651	Αργολίδα, Αρκαδία / Argolida, Arkadia (only the Αρκαδία / Arkadia part – the municipalities of Μεγαλόπολης / Megalópolis, Γορτυνίας / Gortynías and Τρίπολης / Trípolis)	40%	50%
EL653	Λακωνία, Μεσσηνία / Lakonia, Messinia (only Μεσσηνία/ Messinia part – the municipality of Οιχαλίας / Oichalías)		

- (7) Greece proposes no other modifications to its regional aid map as approved by the initial Decision.

3. ASSESSMENT

3.1. The areas proposed for an increased aid intensity

- (8) According to paragraph 187 of the RAG, the maximum aid intensities for ‘a’ areas laid down by the RAG may be increased by 10 percentage points for territories identified for support from the JTF in a territorial just transition plan of a Member State approved by the Commission on the condition that those territories are located in assisted areas according to Article 107(3)(a) of the Treaty. Footnote 87 of the RAG provides that the regional aid maps can be updated on that basis if the areas are not yet known when the map is adopted.
- (9) The territories listed in Table 1, notably, the entire NUTS 2 regions of EL41 Βόρειο Αιγαίο / Voreio Aigaio, EL42 Νότιο Αιγαίο / Notio Aigaio, EL43 Κρήτη / Kriti and EL53 Δυτική Μακεδονία/ Dytiki Makedonia, and the indicated parts of the NUTS 2 region of EL65 Πελοπόννησος / Peloponnisos have been identified as territories for support from the JTF in the territorial just transition plans of Greece approved by the Commission implementing decision.
- (10) All those territories are located in assisted areas according to Article 107(3)(a) of the Treaty, as listed in the regional aid map for Greece. Those territories therefore fulfil the conditions for an increase of the aid intensity by 10 percentage points as provided for in paragraph 187 of the RAG.

- (11) The JTF territories were not yet known at the time of the adoption of the regional aid map for Greece on 6 January 2022. The regional aid map of Greece applies for the period from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2027. The Commission implementing decision was adopted on 16 June 2022 and applies for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2027. In this situation, the Commission considers that the notified amendment should apply for the entire period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2027.
- (12) The maximum aid intensity for large enterprises in the region of EL41 Βόρειο Αιγαίο/Voreio Aigaio is 50%, as laid down in the regional aid map for Greece. Therefore, following the aid intensity increase of 10 percentage points, that area is entitled to a 60% maximum aid intensity.
- (13) The maximum aid intensity for large enterprises in the regions of EL43 Κρήτη / Kriti and EL53 Δυτική Μακεδονία/ Dytiki Makedonia is 40%, as laid down in the regional aid map for Greece. Therefore, following the aid intensity increase, those areas are entitled to a 50% maximum aid intensity.
- (14) The maximum aid intensity for large enterprises in the region of EL65 Πελοπόννησος / Peloponnisos is 40%, as laid down in the regional aid map for Greece. In that region, only the municipalities of Μεγαλόπολης / Megalópolis, Γορτυνίας / Gortynías and Τρίπολης / Trípolis in Αρκαδίας /Arkadia and the municipality of Οιχαλίας / Oichalías in Μεσσηνία/ Messinia are identified for support from the JTF. Accordingly, the Greek authorities have proposed an aid intensity increase only for those specific parts of the region of EL65 Πελοπόννησος / Peloponnisos. Therefore, following the aid intensity increase, those areas are entitled to a 50% maximum aid intensity, while the rest of the NUTS 2 region of EL65 Peloponnisos maintains the 40% aid maximum aid intensity, as set out in the regional aid map for Greece.
- (15) The maximum aid intensity for large enterprises in the region of EL42 Νότιο Αιγαίο / Notio Aigaio is 30%, as laid down in the regional aid map for Greece. Therefore, following the aid intensity increase, that area is entitled to a 40% maximum aid intensity.
- (16) The Commission notes that all other conditions set out in the initial Decision remain unchanged.

3.2. General conclusion

- (17) In view of the above, the Commission takes the view that the amendment to the Greek regional aid map for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2027, as notified by the Greek authorities is in line with the RAG.

4. CONCLUSION

- (18) The Commission has accordingly decided:

- to approve the amendment to the Greek regional aid map for the period from 1 January 2022 till 31 December 2027 as set out in the Annex, which includes all designated areas approved in the initial Decision, as it fulfils the conditions laid down in the Guidelines on Regional State Aid, as adopted on 19 April 2021.

The full text of this letter in the authentic language will be published on the following Internet site: <http://ec.europa.eu/competition/elojade/isef/index.cfm>.

Yours faithfully,

For the Commission

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ANNEX to the decision on case SA.103501 (2022/N)

Guidelines on regional State aid (OJ C 153, 29.4.2021, p.1.)

GREECE - Regional aid map applicable from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2027

Zone Code	Zone Name	Maximum aid intensities applicable to regional aid granted to large enterprises ¹
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'a' areas

NUTS Code	Name of NUTS region	Maximum aid intensities (large enterprises) 1.1.2022-31.12.2027
EL41	Voreio Aigaio	60%
EL42	Notio Aigaio	40%
EL43	Kriti	50%
EL51	Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	50%
EL52	Kentriki Makedonia	50%
EL53	Dytiki Makedonia	50%
EL54	Ipeiros	50%
EL61	Thessalia	50%
EL62	Ionia Nisia	40%
EL63	Dytiki Elláda	50%
EL64	Stereá Elláda	40%
EL643	Evrytania (Sparsely Populated Area)	
EL65	Peloponnisos (partially: excluding Αργολίδα / Arkadia - the municipalities of Μεγαλόπολης / Megalópolis, of Γορτυνίας / Gortynias and of Τρίπολης / Trípolis from EL651 Αργολίδα, Αρκαδία / Argolida, Arkadia; and Μεσσηνία/ Messinia - the municipality of Οιχαλίας / Ochalia from EL653 Λακωνία, Μεσσηνία / Lakonia, Messinia).	40%
EL65	Peloponnisos (partially: only Αρκαδία / Arkadia - the municipalities of Μεγαλόπολης / Megalópolis, of Γορτυνίας / Gortynias and of Τρίπολης / Trípolis from EL651 Αργολίδα, Αρκαδία / Argolida, Arkadia; and Μεσσηνία/ Messinia - the municipality of Οιχαλίας / Ochalia from EL653 Λακωνία, Μεσσηνία / Lakonia, Messinia).	50%

Non-predefined 'c' areas

NUTS Code	Name of NUTS region	Maximum aid intensities (large enterprises) 1.1.2022-31.12.2027
EL302	Dytikos Tomeas Athinon	15%
EL305	Anatoliki Attiki	25%
EL306	Dytiki Attiki	25%
EL307	Peiraias, Nisoi	25%

¹ For investment projects with eligible costs not exceeding EUR 50 million this ceiling is increased by 10 percentage points for medium-sized companies and 20 percentage points for small companies as defined in the Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36). For large investment projects, this maximum aid intensity is subject to adjustment in accordance with paragraph 19(3) of the RAG.