

Annual Activity Report 2020

Annexes

DG COMPETITION

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ANNEX 1: Statement of the Director in charge of Risk Management and Internal Control

"I declare that in accordance with the Commission's communication on the internal control framework¹, I have reported my advice and recommendations on the overall state of internal control in the DG to the Director-General.

I hereby certify that the information provided in the present Annual Activity Report and in its annexes is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete."

Date 29 March 2021

(signed)

Maria Velentza, Director in charge of Risk Management and Internal Control

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¹ C(2017)2373 of 19.04.2017.

ANNEX 2: Performance tables

1. A European Green Deal

General objective 1: European Green Deal

Impact indicator: Share of renewable energy in gross final energy consumption **Source of the data**: Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001; EU Sustainable Development Goal indicator

Baseline	Interim Milestone ²	Target	Latest
(2018)		(2030)	known
	(2020)		results
			(2019)
18.91%	20%	32%	19.73%

Specific objective 1: State aid control contributes to

Related to spending environmental protection, renewables and energy savings

programme(s) -

Result indicator: Total State aid expenditure for environmental protection, renewables and

energy savings as a percentage of total State aid in the EU

Source of data: European Commission State aid Scoreboard

Baseline	Interim Milestone ³	Target	Latest
(2018)		(2024)	known
	(2022)		results
			(2019)
55.9%	Increasing trend	Increasing trend	51.2%

Main outputs in 2020:				
Initiatives linked to regulatory simplification and burden reduction				
Output description	Indicator	Target	Latest known results	
			(situation on	
			31/12/2020)	
Revision of the	Impact Assessment	Q4 2020	The Guidelines were	
Guidelines on certain			adopted on	
State aid measures in			21.09.2020 (Official	
the context of the			Journal C317,	
greenhouse gas			25.09.2020,	

² In case of short- or medium-term objectives (all targets are set to be achieved in less than 3 years) the milestones column should be deleted from the table.

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The column should be deleted if only short-and medium term (less than 3 years) targets are set.

emission allowance		p. 5/19). The Impact
trading scheme post-		Assessment report
2020		is available online⁴.

2. A Europe fit for digital age

General objective 2: A Europe fit for digital age					
Impact indicato	r: Real GDP growth	rate			
Source of the d	ata : Eurostat (online	e data code <u>TEC00115</u>	5		
Baseline	Interim Milestone ⁵		Target	Latest	
(2018)	(please add as many columns as the		(2024)	known	
	number of defined	milestones)		results	
	(2022) (2024)			(2019)	
2%	Increase	Increase	Increase	1,6%	

Specific objective 1: Updated rules and policy guidance in support of A Europe fit for the digital age, including tackling systemic competition in the platform economy and beyond Related to spending programme(s) -

Result indicator: Ratio between adopted policy initiatives by the Commission in the area of EU competition policy to support A Europe fit for the digital age headline ambition and policy initiatives in the area of EU competition policy included in the Commission Work Programmes 2020-2024

Source of data: European Commission

Baseline	Interim Milestone ⁶	Target	Latest
(2020)	(2022)	(2024)	known
			results
			(2020)
N/A	Increasing trend	100%	100% (2/2) ⁷

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/what_is_new/2020_ets_revision/impact_assessment_report_ets_2021_en.pdf.

In case of short- or medium-term objectives (all targets are set to be achieved in less than 3 years) the milestones column should be deleted from the table.

⁶ The column should be deleted if only short-and medium term (less than 3 years) targets are set.

Commission Work Programme 2020 (Annex I): White Paper on foreign subsidies, Commission Proposal on Digital Markets Act.

Main outputs in 2020:				
New policy initiatives				
Output description	Indicator	Target	Latest known results (situation on 31/12/2020)	
Digital Markets Act (ex-New Competition Tool)	Impact Assessment	Q4 2020	Proposal for a Regulation on Digital Markets Act ⁸ and Impact Assessment Report ⁹ were adopted on 15/12/2020.	
White Paper on levelling the playing field as regards foreign subsidies	Adoption of the White Paper	Q2 2020	Adopted on 17 June 2020 ¹⁰	
Initiatives linked to regu		nd burden reduction		
Output description	Indicator	Target	Latest known results (situation on 31/12/2020)	
Consortia Block Exemption Regulation (exemption from Article 101 TFEU for certain types of cooperation agreements among shipping operators)	Adoption	Q1 2020	Validity of the regulation was prolonged on 24 March 2020 for another 4 years. ¹¹	
Targeted modification of the General Block Exemption Regulation in relation to the EU funding programmes	Adoption	Q4 2020	The public consultation closed on 6 July 2020 ¹² ; adoption postponed to 2021.	
Prolongation of the State aid rules reformed under the State aid modernisation (SAM) package and expiring	Adoption	Q4 2020	The prolongation was adopted on 2 July 2020 (OJ C 224, 8.7.2020, p. 2). ¹³	

 $^{{}^{8} \}quad \underline{\text{https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?qid=1608116887159\&uri=COM\%3A2020\%3A842\%3AFIN.}}$

 $^{^{9} \}quad \underline{\text{https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/impact-assessment-digital-markets-act.}}$

 $^{^{10}}$ White Paper on levelling the playing field as regards foreign subsidies, COM(2020) 253 final, 17.06.2020.

 $^{^{11} \}quad \underline{https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex\%3A32020R0436}.$

 $^{{}^{12} \}quad \underline{https://ec.europa.eu/competition/consultations/2020 \ \ \underline{gber/index} \ \ en.html.}$

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by the and of 2020			
 Guidelines on regional State aid for 2014-2020 Guidelines on risk finance aid for 2014-2020 Communication from the Commission — Criteria for the analysis of the compatibility with the internal market of State aid to promote the execution of important projects of common European interest Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and energy 2014-2020 Guidelines on State aid for rescuing and restructuring nonfinancial undertakings in difficulty 			
Prolongation of the Commission Regulation (EU) N°651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty	Adoption	2020	Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/972 amending Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 as regards its prolongation and amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 as regards its prolongation and relevant adjustments has been adopted on 2 July 2020 (OJ L 215, 7.7.2020, p. 3).14

¹⁴ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L .2020.215.01.0003.01.ENG&toc=0J:L:2020:215:FULL.

Prolongation of the Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the	Adoption	2020	Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/972 amending Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 as regards its prolongation and amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 as regards its prolongation and relevant adjustments has been adopted on 2 July
European Union to de minimis aid			2020 (OJ L 215, 7.7.2020, p. 3). ¹⁵
Evaluations and fitness	checks		
Output description	Indicator	Target	Latest known results (situation on 31/12/2020)
Fitness check of 2012 State aid modernisation package, railways guidelines and short term export credit insurance	Publication of fitness check results	Q3 2020	Publication of the results of the Fitness Check on 30 October 2020. ¹⁶
Evaluation of the Vertical Block Exemption Regulation and Vertical Guidelines ¹⁷	Publication of evaluation results Launch of Impact Assessment	Q3 2020 Q4 2020	Publication of evaluation results on 8/9/2020. ¹⁸ Inception Impact Assessment published on 23/10/2020 ¹⁹ , public consultation launched on 18/12/2020 ²⁰ .
Evaluation of procedural and jurisdictional aspects of merger control	Publication of the evaluation results	Q4 2020	Meeting with the Regulatory Scrutiny Board took place in January 2021. Publication expected in Q1 2021.
Fisheries guidelines, Block Exemption	Publication of evaluation results	Q4 2020	Postponed to 2022.

 $^{^{15} \}quad \underline{\text{https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L..} \\ 2020.215.01.0003.01.ENG\&toc=OJ:L:2020.215:FULL.} \\ 2020.215.01.0003.01.FULL.} \\ 2020.215.01.0003.01.FULL.} \\ 2020.215.01.0003.01.FULL.} \\ 2020.215.01.0003.01.FULL.} \\ 2020.215.01.0003.01.FULL.} \\ 2020.215.01.FULL.} \\ 2020.215.FULL.} \\ 2020.$

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/2044-Fitness-check-of-2012-State-aid-modernisation-package-railways-quidelines-and-short-term-export-credit-insurance.

Commission Regulation (EU) No 330/2010 of 20 April 2010 on the application of Article 101(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to categories of vertical agreements and concerted practices, OJ L 102, 23.4.2010, p. 1. Guidelines on Vertical Restraints, OJ C 130, 19.5.2010, p. 1.

https://ec.europa.eu/competition/consultations/2018 vber/staff working document.pdf.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12636-Revision-of-the-Vertical-Block-Exemption-Regulation.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12636-Revision-of-the-Vertical-Block-Exemption-Regulation/public-consultation.

Regulation (FIBER) and Regulation on de minimis Aid to the agricultural and Forestry Sectors and in Rural areas (AGRI GL) and	Publication of the evaluation results	Q4 2020	Meeting with the Regulatory Scrutiny Board took place in October 2020; publication of the results postponed to Q2
Agricultural Block Exemption Regulation (ABER)			2021.
Public consultations			
Output description	Indicator	Target	Latest known results (situation on 31/12/2020)
Targeted modification of the General Block Exemption Regulation in relation to the EU funding programmes	Second Public consultation	Q1 2020	Public consultation took place between 11/05/2020 to 06/07/2020. ²¹
Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and energy 2014-2020 (EEAG)	Public consultation on the Inception Impact Assessment (free comments)	Q3 2020	Both consultations are closed, the results are under analysis and will feed into the revised EEAG
	Open Public consultation for the revision of the EEAG (based on a questionnaire)	Q1 2021	
Framework for State aid research, development and innovation (RDI Framework)	Public consultation	Q4 2020	Postponed to Q1 2021
Communication on Important Projects of Common European	Public consultation	Q4 2020	Public consultation has been launched on 23 February 2021. ²²

Public consultation and replies are accessible under https://ec.europa.eu/competition/consultations/2020_gber/index_en.html.

Interest (IPCEI Communication)			
Regional Aid Guidelines (RAG)	Public consultation	Q4 2020	Public consultation took place between 23/07/2020 to 30/09/2020. ²³
State aid Broadband Guidelines	Public consultation	Q3 2020	Public consultation launched 8 September 2020 and ended 5 January 2021
Horizontal Block Exemption Regulations and Horizontal Guidelines ²⁴	Stakeholder workshop	Q4 2020	Due to the COVID-crisis a stakeholder workshop did not take place. Stakeholder had the opportunity to provide their input during the public consultation.
Market Definition Notice	Public consultation	Q2 2020	Public consultation launched on 3/4/2020 ²⁵ .
Vertical Block Exemption Regulation and Guidelines	Public consultation	Q4 2020 – Q1 2021	Public consultation is ongoing ²⁶
Collective bargaining of Self-Employed	Public consultation on the Inception Impact Assessment (free comments)	Q4 2020-Q1 2021	Public consultation on the Inception Impact Assesment is closed. Open Public consultation is on-going.

Specific objective 2: State aid control contributes to high performant broadband networks

Related to spending programme(s) -

Result indicator: Total State aid expenditure for broadband in the EU as a percentage of

total State aid in the EU

Source of data: European Commission

Baseline Interim Milestone²⁷ Target Latest

²² https://ec.europa.eu/competition/consultations/2021 ipcei/index en.html.

Public consultation and replies will be accessible under: https://ec.europa.eu/competition/consultations/2020_rag/index_en.html.

Commission Regulation (EU) No 1217/2010 of 14 December 2010 on the application of Article 101(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to certain categories of research and development agreements, OJ L 335, 18.12.2010, p. 36; Commission Regulation (EU) No 1218/2010 of 14 December 2010 on the application of Article 101(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to certain categories of specialisation agreements, OJ L 335, 18.12.2010, p. 43. Guidelines on Horizontal Cooperation Agreements, OJ C 11, 14.1.2011, p. 1.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12325-Evaluation-of-the-Commission-Notice-on-market-definition-in-EU-competition-law.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12636-Revision-of-the-Vertical-Block-Exemption-Regulation.

(2018)	(2022)	(2024)	known		
			results		
			(2019)		
1.2%	Increasing trend (%)	Increasing trend (%)	1.5%		
Main outputs in 2020:					
Enforcement actio	ns				
Commission	Number of Commission decisions	Increasing	2020: 8		
decisions	per year		decisions		
authorising			(2019: 7		
State aid for			decisions)		
broadband					
measures					

	Specific objective 3: Strengthening competition enforcement in Related to spending						
	support of A Europe fit for the digital age programme(s) -						
		ate of customer benefits	_	•			
Source of data:	Europe	an Commission services	(OECD guidance 2	014)			
Baseline	Interi	m Milestone ²⁸	Target		Latest known		
(2019)	(2022)	(2024)		results		
					(2020)		
EUR 1.5-2.3 bn	Increa	sing or stable (EUR x-y	Increasing or sta	ble	EUR 0.2-0.3 bn		
	bn)		(EUR x-y bn)				
Main outputs in	2020:						
Enforcement actio	ns						
Output descriptio	n	Indicator	Target		Latest known results		
					(situation on		
					31/12/2020)		
Enforcement of		Number of the	No target		In 2020, 8		
antitrust rules		Commission decisions			interventions by the		
		per year (intervention			Commission		
		rate) ²⁹			included 5 antitrust		
					decisions (2		
					commitment		
					decisions, 2		
					cooperation		
					decisions and 1		
					prohibition decision),		
					3 cartel prohibition		

 $^{^{27}}$ The column should be deleted if only short-and medium term (less than 3 years) targets are set.

²⁸ The column should be deleted if only short-and medium term (less than 3 years) targets are set.

²⁹ Intervention rate consists of antitrust interventions (decisions) by the Commission. In 2019, 15 interventions by the Commission included 10 antitrust decisions (3 commitment decisions, 4 cooperation decisions, 3 prohibition decisions and 1 procedural decision), 5 cartel prohibition decisions (4 settlement decisions and 1 prohibition decision).

					decisi	ons (2
						ment decisions
					and 1	re-adoption of
					prohib	oition decision).
Effective support	to	Number of envisaged	No tar	rget	84	
NCAs on individu	al	enforcement				
cases with a view	v to	decisions and similar				
ensure coherent	and	case consultations in				
effective applicat	tion of	the European				
Articles 101 and	102	Competition Network				
TFEU		(ECN ³⁰)				
		Implementation rate	No tar	rget	In 100	0% of cases
		of comments on			the	
		envisaged decisions			comm	ents on
		received from the			envisa	_
		NCAs pursuant to				ons have been
		article 11.4 of			completely or	
		Regulation (EC) No			partially	
		1/2003³¹			implemented	
		Time to reply to NCAs	Within 30 days or as		In 100% of cases	
		pursuant to article	otherwise agreed		the reply	
		11.4 of Regulation	with the NCAs		has been provided	
		(EC) No 1/2003			within	
						ys or as
					otherv	
					_	d with the
B 11 1 1 1	F 11		lu:		NCAs	
		ate of customer benefits		_		entions
		an Commission services	(OECD	_		
Baseline		m Milestone ³²		Target		Latest
(2019)	(2022))		(2024)		known
						results
						(2020)
EUR 5.7-9.4 bn Stable (EUR x-y bn)		(EUR x-y bn)		Stable (EUR x-	y bn)	EUR 13.8-
					23.0 bn	
Enforcement actio						
Output description	n	Indicator	Targe	t		t known results
						tion on
					<i>5</i> 1/12	/2020)

 $^{^{30}}$ Only submissions from the NCAs under Article 11(4) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 are included in this figure.

The accuracy of the indicator depends on how accurately the NCAs report to the Commission.

The column should be deleted if only short-and medium term (less than 3 years) targets are set.

Enforcement of EU merger control	Number of the Commission decisions per year	No target	352
	Number of the Commission decisions adopted in a simplified procedure per year	No target	278
	Intervention rate ³³	No target	18
	Ratio of the Commission merger decisions adopted in a simplified procedure	Stable trend	Stable trend (79%)

Enforcement actions			
Output description	Indicator	Target	Latest known results (situation on 31/12/2020)
Enforcement of EU State aid control	Number of opening decisions per year	No target	15
	Adoption of Commission decisions in the field of State aid in accordance with EU State aid rules	No target	25
Monitoring of schemes in the field of State aid in accordance with EU State aid rules (2020- 2021)	Number of aid schemes subject to ex-post monitoring	Around 50	64
Prevention and recovery of incompatible aid	Adoption of recovery decisions in the field of State aid in accordance with EU State aid rules	No target	6

³³ Intervention rate indicator includes the Commission's prohibition decisions and mergers approved subject to commitments, as well as withdrawals during second phase investigation (in-depth investigation by the Commission).

3. An Economy that works for people

General objective 3: An Economy that works for people						
Impact indicato	r: Real GDP growth rate					
Source of the d	ata : Eurostat (online data code <u>TEC0011</u>	5				
Baseline	Interim Milestone ³⁴	Target	Latest			
(2019)	(2022)	(2024)	known			
			results			
			(2019)			
1.6%	Increase	Increase	1.6%			

Specific objecti	Related to	spending			
common interest		programme	e(s) -		
Result indicato	r: Total State aid exp	oenditure falling und	der the Ger	neral Block E	xemption
Regulation as a p	ercentage of total S	tate aid in the EU			
Source of data:	State Aid Scoreboa	rd			
Baseline	Interim Mileston	e ³⁵	Target		Latest
(2018)	(2022)	(2024)	(2024)		known
					results
	(2019)				
36.8%	Increasing trend	Increasing trend	Increasing	g trend (%)	38.3%
	(%)	(%)			

Main outputs in 2020:						
Enforcement actions						
Output description	Indicator	Target	Latest known results (2019)			
State aid falling under the GBER	State aid Scoreboard value	Increasing trend	EUR 47.848 bn			

Specific objective 2: Banking aid necessary to safeguardRelated to spendingfinancial stability, while protecting competitionprogramme(s) -					
Result indicator: Ratio of balance sheet growth of aided banks to balance sheet growth of unaided banks Source of data: European Commission services and the European Central Bank					
Baseline II	nterim Milestone ³⁶	Target	Latest known		

³⁴ In case of short- or medium-term objectives (all targets are set to be achieved in less than 3 years) the milestones column should be deleted from the table.

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(2020)	(2022)	(2024)		(2024)	results
						(2019)
N/A		nain below	To remain l	below	To remain	-2.19% (aided
	90%		90%		below 90%	banks) vs
						+4.17% (complete
						banking sector) ³⁷
Main outputs in	2020:					
Enforcement actio	ns					
Output description	n	Indicator		Targe	t	Latest known results
						(situation on
						31/12/2020)
State aid enforcement Number of			No tar	get	16 ³⁸	
in the financial sector Commission		n decisions				
		adopted				

						elated to spending rogramme(s) -		
Result indicator		COVID-19 ai	d as a perce	ntage c	of total Stat	<u> </u>		1.1
Source of data:	Europe	an Commiss	ion services					
Baseline	Interi	m Milestone	2 39		Target			Latest
(2020)	(2021)		(2022)		(2024)			known
								results
								(2020)
N/A (the data	Decrea	sing trend	Decreasing trend		Decreasing trend		N/A	
for 2020 is	(%)		(%)		(%)			
available in								
early 2022)								
Main outputs in	2020:							
Initiatives linked to regulatory simplification and burden reduction								
Output descriptio	on Indicator		Targe		t Lates		Latest	known results
							(situat	tion on
							31/12	/2020)

 $^{^{37}}$ The aim of this indicator is to verify that aided banks do not grow as fast as the average of the European Banking sector. We monitor the balance sheet of all aided banks that are in the restructuring period on 31.12.2019 and express the annual growth to the balance sheet growth of the entire European banking sector over the next four years. As a start, to get a look and feel for the indicator, we report the effect over the period (31.12.2018-31.12.2019). This gives a decrease in the balance sheet of aided banks, versus a growth in balance sheet of the overall banking sector, which is good in the sense that our aid decisions and monitoring contribute to limiting distortions of competition. Sources of both datasets are Bloomberg and the ECB Statistical Site.

 $^{^{38}}$ No new individual FI decisions in 2020. There were prolongation decisions on existing liquidation and resolution schemes in Poland, Ireland, Italy and a liquidity support scheme in Greece. In addition, some decisions related to development banks. There was also one adoption of a replacement decision following a court case.

³⁹ The column should be deleted if only short-and medium term (less than 3 years) targets are set.

The State aid Temporary Framework to support the economy in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak, based on Article 107(3)(b) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.	Adoption by the Commission	Q1 2020	Adopted Q1 2020 ⁴⁰
Framework Communication addressing the antitrust issues related to cooperation between competitors in COVID- 19 related urgency situations.	Adoption by the Commission	Q2 2020	Adopted Q2 2020 ⁴¹
Amendment of short- term export-credit insurance Communication (removing all countries from "marketable risk" -list)	Adoption by the Commission	Q2 2020	Adopted Q1 2020 ⁴²
The State aid Temporary Framework to support the economy in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak related to financial sector	Adoption by the Commission	Q2 2020	Adopted Q1 2020 ⁴³
Enforcement actions			
Output description	Indicator	Target	Latest known results (situation on 31/12/2020)
Commission decisions adopted based on the	Number of Commission decisions	No target	332

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⁴⁰ https://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/what_is_new/sa_covid19_temporary-framework.pdf.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/framework communication antitrust issues related to cooperation between competitors in covid-19.pdf.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP 20 542.

⁴³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=0J:J0C 2020 091 I 0001.

State aid Temporary Framework to support the economy in the context of the COVID- 19 outbreak, based on Article 107(3)(b) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.	adopted per year in 2020		
Commission guidance provided to the market participants in the field of antitrust in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak	Number of comfort letters adopted per year in 2020 and 2021	No target	1 comfort letter issued.
Amount of COVID-19 aid	Aid granted under the Temporary Framework (Article 107(3)(b)) and Article 107(2)(b)	Increasing (2020)	EUR 3.08 trillion

ANNEX 3: Draft annual accounts and financial reports

Annex 3 Financial Reports - DG COMP - Financial Year 2020

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Table 15 · FDA duration exceeds 4 years

	TABLE	1: OUTTURN ON COMMITMENT APPROPRIATION	IS IN 2020 (in M	lio €) for DG CC	OMP
			Commitment appropriations authorised	Commitments made	%
			1	2	3=2/1
		Title 03 Competition			
03	03 01	Administrative expenditure of the 'Competition' policy area	12.31294138	11.17400494	90.75 %
Tota	al Title 03		12.31294138	11.17400494	90.75 %
		Title 05 Agriculture and rural de	evelopment		
05	05 01	Administrative expenditure of the 'Agriculture and rural development' policy area	0.1	0.09969408	99.69 %
Tota	al Title 05		0.1	0.09969408	99.69 %
		Title 11 Maritime affairs and	fisheries		
11	11 01	Administrative expenditure of the 'Maritime affairs and fisheries' policy area	0.05	0.05	100.00 %
	11 06	European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)	0	0	0.00 %
Tota	al Title 11		0.05	0.05	100.00 %
		Title 16 Communication	on		
16	16 01	Administrative expenditure of the 'Communication' policy area	0.1236575	0.1236575	100.00 %
	16 03	Communication actions	0.0002	0	0.00 %
Tota	al Title 16		0.1238575	0.1236575	99.84 %
		Title 26 Commission's admir	nistration		
26	26 03	Services to public administrations, businesses and citizens	3.34	3.34	100.00 %
Tota	al Title 26		3.34	3.34	100.00 %
		Title 33 Justice and const	umers		
33	33 03	Justice	1.02620463	1.01162228	98.58 %
Tota	al Title 33		1.02620463	1.01162228	98.58 %
		Total DG COMP	16.95300351	15.7989788	93.19 %

^{*} Commitment appropriations authorised include, in addition to the budget voted by the legislative authority, appropriations carried over from the previous exercise, budget amendments as well as miscellaneous commitment appropriations for the period (e.g.

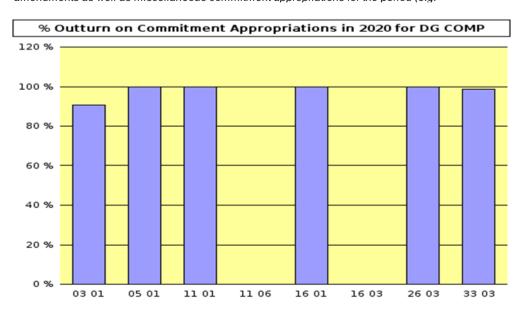


		TABLE 2: OUTTURN ON PAYMENT APPROPRIATIONS in 20)20 (in Mio €) f	or DG COMP	
			Payment appropriations authorised *	Payments made	%
			1	2	3=2/1
		Title 03 Competition			
03	03 01	Administrative expenditure of the 'Competition' policy area	21.23114592	10.53968591	49.64 %
Tota	Il Title 03		21.23114592	10.53968591	49.64%
		Title 05 Agriculture and rural develop	ment		
05	05 01	Administrative expenditure of the 'Agriculture and rural development' policy area	0.14577384	0.08385144	57.52 %
Tota	l Title 05		0.14577384	0.08385144	57.52%
		Title 11 Maritime affairs and fisheri	es		
11	11 01	Administrative expenditure of the 'Maritime affairs and fisheries' policy area	0.05	0.04839801	96.80 %
	11 06	European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)	0.05	0.05	100.00 %
Tota	ıl Title 11		0.1	0.09839801	98.40%
		Title 16 Communication			
16	16 01	Administrative expenditure of the 'Communication' policy area	0.20148979	0.17709474	87.89 %
	16 03	Communication actions	0.01161511	0.006438	55.43 %
Tota	ıl Title 16		0.2131049	0.18353274	86.12%
		Title 26 Commission's administration	on		
26	26 03	Services to public administrations, businesses and citizens	0	3.27299611	#DIV/0
Tota	I Title 26		0	3.27299611	#DIV/0
		Title 33 Justice and consumers			
33	33 03	Justice	0.33905974	0.32447739	95.70 %
Tota	Il Title 33		0.33905974	0.32447739	95.70%
		Total DG COMP	22.0290844	14.5029416	65.84 %

^{*} Payment appropriations authorised include, in addition to the budget voted by the legislative authority, appropriations carried over from the previous exercise, budget amendments as well as miscellaneous payment appropriations for the period (e.g. internal and external assigned revenue).

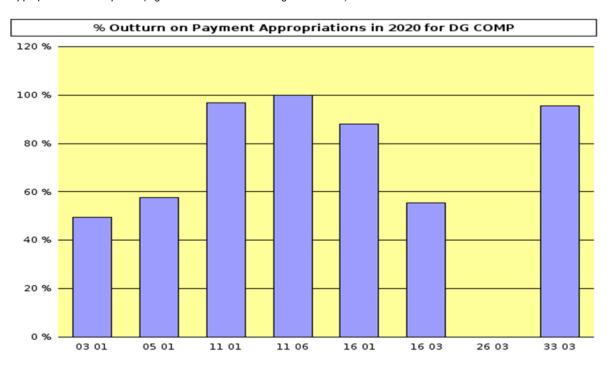


		TABLE 3: BREAKDOWN	OF COMMITM	ENTS TO BE SE	TTLED AT 31/	12/2020 (in Mio	€) for DG COMF)	
	Commitments to be settled Commitments to Total of								Total of commitments to
	Chapter		Commitments	Payments	RAL	% to be settled	be settled from financial years previous to 2019	commitments to be settled at end of financial year 2020	be settled at end of financial year 2019
	1		1	2	3=1-2	4=1-2/1	5	6=3+5	7
03	03 01	Administrative expenditure of the 'Competition' policy area	11.17	2.20	8.98	80.34%	0.00	8.98	8.74
То	tal Title 03		11.17	2.20	8.98	80.34%	0.00	8.98	8.74
		TABLE 3: BREAKDOWN	OF COMMITMI	ENTS TO BE SE	TTLED AT 31/	12/2020 (in Mio	€) for DG COMF	•	
				Commitments	s to be settled	1	Commitments to be settled from	Total of commitments to be	Total of commitments to
		Chapter	Commitments	Payments	RAL	% to be settled	financial years previous to 2019	settled at end of financial year 2020	be settled at end of financial year 2019
	,		1	2	3=1-2	4=1-2/1	5	6=3+5	7
05	05 01	Administrative expenditure of the 'Agriculture and rural development' policy area	0.10	0.04	0.06	61.81%	0.00	0.06	0.05
То	tal Title 05		0.10	0.04	0.06	61.81%	0.00	0.06	0.05
		TABLE 3: BREAKDOWN	OF COMMITMI	ENTS TO BE SE	TTLED AT 31/	12/2020 (in Mio	€) for DG COMF		Total of
				Commitments	s to be settled	I	Commitments to be settled from	Total of commitments to be	commitments to
		Chapter	Commitments	Payments	RAL	% to be settled	financial years previous to 2019	settled at end of financial year 2020	end of financial year 2019
		Administrative expenditure of the 'Maritime	1	2	3=1-2	4=1-2/1	5	6=3+5	7
11	11 01	affairs and fisheries' policy area	0.05	0.04	0.01	14.90%	0.00	0.01	0.01
	11 06	European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.05
То	tal Title 11	TABLE 6 - PREAKROMAN	0.05	0.04	0.01	14.90%	0.00	0.01	0.06
		TABLE 3: BREAKDOWN	COMMITMI						Total of
			Commitments to be settled			Commitments to be settled from	Total of commitments to be	commitments to be settled at	
		Chapter	Commitments	Payments	RAL	% to be settled	financial years previous to 2019	settled at end of financial year 2020	end of financial year 2019
	1		1	2	3=1-2	4=1-2/1	5	6=3+5	7
16	16 01	Administrative expenditure of the 'Communication' policy area	0.12	0.10	0.02	18.77%	0.00	0.02	0.08
	16 03	Communication actions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.01
То	tal Title 16		0.12	0.10	0.02	18.77%	0.00	0.03	0.09
		TABLE 3: BREAKDOWN	OF COMMITMI	ENTS TO BE SE	TTLED AT 31/	12/2020 (in Mio	€) for DG COMF	•	Total of
				Commitments	s to be settled	l	Commitments to be settled from	Total of commitments to be	commitments to
		Chapter	Commitments	Payments	RAL	% to be settled	financial years previous to 2019	settled at end of financial year 2020	be settled at end of financial year 2019
		Conjugate public administrations hugin	1	2	3=1-2	4=1-2/1	5	6=3+5	7
26	26 03	Services to public administrations, businesses and citizens	3.34	0.15	3.19	95.38%	0.19	3.37	3.32
Го	tal Title 26	TABLE 3: BREAKDOWN	3.34	0.15	3.19	95.38% 12/2020 (in Mio	0.19 €) for DG COMF	3.37	3.32
		TABLE 3. BREAKDOWN	OF COMMITTION			·			Total of
Chapter			Commitments	Payments	RAL	% to be settled	Commitments to be settled from financial years previous to 2019	Total of commitments to be settled at end of financial year 2020	commitments to be settled at end of financial year 2019
			1	2	3=1-2	4=1-2/1	5	6=3+5	year 2019 7
33	33 03	Justice	1.01	0.00	1.01	100.00%	1.95	2.96	3.86
	·	L	1.01	0.00					
То	tal Title 33		1.01	0.00	1.01	100.00%	1.95	2.96	3.86

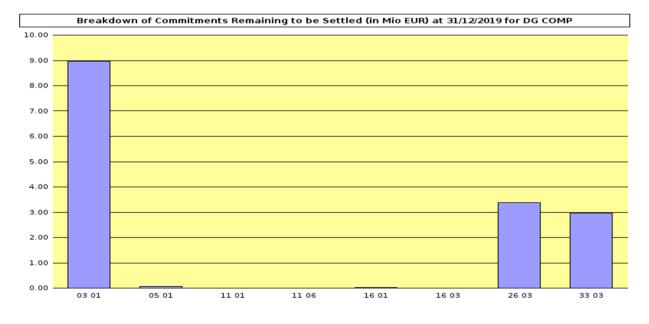


TABLE 4: BALANCE SHEET for DG COMP

BALANCE SHEET	2020	2019
A.I. NON CURRENT ASSETS	13895922.49	9655412.16
A.I.1. Intangible Assets	13,895,922.49	9,655,412.16
A.II. CURRENT ASSETS	13257618442	13255065800
A.II.2. Current Pre-Financing	585,942.63	860,681.50
A.II.3. Curr Exch Receiv &Non-Ex Recoverables	13,257,032,499.45	13,254,205,118.39
ASSETS	13271514365	13264721212
P.II. CURRENT LIABILITIES	-12164380.46	-359852.47
P.II.2. Current Provisions	-11,452,432.53	
P.II.4. Current Payables	-711,947.93	-359,852.47
P.II.5. Current Accrued Charges &Defrd Income	0.00	0.00
LIABILITIES	-12164380.46	-359852.47
NET ASSETS (ASSETS less LIABILITIES)	13259349984	13,264,361,359.58
	,	
P.III.2. Accumulated Surplus/Deficit	-22,196,467,808.94	-18207291397
Non-allocated central (surplus)/deficit*	8,937,117,824.83	4942930038
TOTAL DG COMP	0.00	0.00

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Additionally, the figures included in tables 4 and 5 are provisional since they are, at this date, still subject to audit by the Court of Auditors. It is thus possible that amounts included in these tables may have to be adjusted following this audit.

TABLE 5: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE for DG COMP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	2020	2019	
II.1 REVENUES	-397408367.7	-4105446994	
II.1.1. NON-EXCHANGE REVENUES	-396956000	-4104759000	
II.1.1.4. FINES	-396,956,000.00	-4,104,759,000.00	
II.1.2. EXCHANGE REVENUES	-452367.73	-687993.77	
II.1.2.2. OTHER EXCHANGE REVENUE	-452,367.73	-687,993.77	
II.2. EXPENSES	34243197.59	116270581.9	
II.2. EXPENSES	34243197.59	116270581.9	
II.2.10.OTHER EXPENSES	28,546,463.25	100,837,086.59	
II.2.2. EXP IMPLEM BY COMMISS&EX.AGENC. (DM)	584,633.91	1,073,441.77	
II.2.6. STAFF AND PENSION COSTS	-952,600.00	-712,000.00	
II.2.8. FINANCE COSTS	6,064,700.43	15,072,053.55	
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	-363,165,170.14	-3,989,176,411.86	

TABLE 5bis: OFF BALANCE SHEET for DG COMP

OFF BALANCE	2020	2019
OB.2. Contingent Liabilities	-1821963985	-1742400000
OB.2.7. CL Legal cases OTHER	-1,821,963,985.48	-1,742,400,000.00
OB.4. Balancing Accounts	1821963985	1742400000
OB.4. Balancing Accounts	1,821,963,985.48	1,742,400,000.00
OFF BALANCE	0.00	0.00

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TABLE 6: AVERAGE PAYMENT TIMES in 2020 for COMP

Legal Times							
Maximum Payment Time (Days)	Total Number of Payments	Nbr of Payments within Time Limit	Percentage	Average Payment Times (Days)	Nbr of Late Payments	Percentage	Average Payment Times (Days)
30	412	411	99.76 %	14.0243309	1	0.24 %	84
60	37	35	94.59 %	29.71428571	2	5.41 %	61.5

Total Number of Payments	449	446	99.33 %		3	0.67 %	
Average Net Payment Time	15.61469933			15.25560538			69
Average Gross Payment Time	17.99331849			17.55829596			82.6666667

Suspensions							
Average Report Approval Suspension Days	Average Payment Suspension Days	Number of Suspended Payments	% of Total Number	Total Number of Payments	Amount of Suspended Payments	% of Total Amount	Total Paid Amount
0	46	23	5.12 %	449	1,853,223.10	12.96 %	14,297,270.85

	TABLE 7 : SITUATION ON REVENUE AND INCOME in 2020 for DG COMP											
Ī			Revenu	e and income rec	ognized	Revenue	e and income cast	ned from	Outstanding			
ı		Chapter	Current year RO	Carried over RO	Total	Current Year RO	Carried over RO	Total	balance			
			1	2	3=1+2	4	5	6=4+5	7=3-6			
	57	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS AND REFUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATION OF THE INSTITUTION	892,305.73	34,868.14	927,173.87	884,305.73	34,868.14	919,173.87	8,000.00			
	66	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS AND REFUNDS	14,582.35	2,706,290.47	2,720,872.82	14,582.35	0.00	14,582.35	2,706,290.47			
	71	FINES AND PENALTIES	306,627,090.00	14,605,542,962.97	14,912,170,052.97	35,189,600.00	378,783,785.80	413,973,385.80	14,498,196,667.17			
		Total DG COMP	307533978.1	14608284122	14915818100	36088488.08	378818653.9	414907142	14500910958			

TABLE 8 : RECOVERY OF PAYMENTS in 2020 for DG COMP (Number of Recovery Contexts and corresponding Transaction Amount)

		Total undue payments recovered		actions in ntext(incl. alified)	% Qualified/Total RC		
Year of Origin (commitment)	Nbr	RO Amount	Nbr	RO Amount	Nbr	RO Amount	
2017			2	14582.35			
Sub-Total			2	14582.35			

EXPENSES BUDGET	Irregularity		OLAF Notified		Total undue payments recovered		Total transactions in recovery context(incl. non-qualified)		% Qualified/Total RC	
	Nbr	Amount	Nbr	Amount	Nbr	Amount	Nbr	Amount	Nbr	Amount
INCOME LINES IN INVOICES										
NON ELIGIBLE IN COST CLAIMS							9	208,350.42		
CREDIT NOTES							8	720,657.30		
Sub-Total							17	929007.72		
GRAND TOTAL							19	943590.07		

TABLE 9: AGEING BALANCE OF RECOVERY ORDERS AT 31/12/2020 for DG COMP

	Number at 01/01/2020	Number at 31/12/2020	Evolution	Open Amount (Eur) at 01/01/2020	Open Amount (Eur) at 31/12/2020	Evolution
2003	1	1	0.00 %	1,060,000.00	1,060,000.00	0.00 %
2006	1	1	0.00 %	11,500,000.00	11,500,000.00	0.00 %
2009	4	4	0.00 %	1,068,981,290.47	1,068,981,290.47	0.00 %
2010	10	9	-10.00 %	51,220,244.46	25,198,119.94	-50.80 %
2011	2	1	-50.00 %	13,568,737.98	9,000,000.00	-33.67 %
2013	12	12	0.00 %	252,271,000.00	252,271,000.00	0.00 %
2014	28	17	-39.29 %	849,114,545.85	568,717,139.33	-33.02 %
2015	10	7	-30.00 %	173,475,000.00	115,144,000.00	-33.63 %
2016	5	5	0.00 %	495,721,467.68	495,543,856.11	-0.04 %
2017	21	20	-4.76 %	4,144,253,000.00	4,136,095,000.00	-0.20 %
2018	11	11	0.00 %	5,757,563,000.00	5,757,563,000.00	0.00 %
2019	11	10	-9.09 %	1,812,256,868.14	1,807,210,742.79	-0.28 %
2020		12			295,382,000.00	
	116	110	-5.17 %	14,630,985,154.58	14,543,666,148.64	-0.60 %

TABLE 10 :Recovery Order Waivers >= 60 000 € in 2020 for DG COMP						
	Waiver Central Key	Linked RO Central Key	RO Accepted Amount (Eur)	LE Account Group	Commission Decision	Comments
Tota	al DG COMP		0.00			
Nun	nber of RO waivers	s	0			

There were no waivers in 2020.		

TABLE 11 :Negociated Procedures in 2020 for DG COMP

Internal Procedures > € 60,000

Negotiated Procedure Legal base	Number of Procedures	Amount (€)
Annex 1 - 11.1 (e) - New services/works consisting in the repetition of similar services/works	1	6,250,000.00
Total	1	6,250,000.00

TABLE 12: Summary of Procedures in 2020 for DG COMP

Internal Procedures > € 60,000

Procedure Legal base	Number of Procedures	Amount (€)
Negotiated procedure without prior publication (Annex 1 - 11.1)	1	6,250,000.00
Open procedure (FR 164 (1)(a))	2	503,825.00
Total	3	6,753,825.00

N/A

TABLE 14: CONTRACTS DECLARED SECRET in 2020 for DG COMP

N/A

TABLE 15: FPA duration exceeds 4 years - DG

N/A

TABLE 16: Commitments co-delegation type 3 in 2020 for DG COMP

N/A

ANNEX 4: Financial Scorecard

DG Competition

The Annex 4 of each Commission service summarises the annual result of the standard financial indicators measurement. Annexed to the Annual Activity Report 2020, 6 standard financial indicators are presented below, each with its objective, category, definition, and result for the Commission service and for the EC as a whole (for benchmarking purposes)⁴⁴:

- Commitment Appropriations (CA) Implementation
- CA Forecast Implementation
- Payment Appropriations (PA) Implementation
- PA Forecast Implementation
- Global Commitment Absorption
- Timely Payments

For each indicator, its value (in %) for the Commission service is compared to the common target (in %). The difference between the indicator's value and the target is colour coded as follows:

- 100 >95% of the target: dark green
- 95 >90% of the target: light green
- 90 >85% of the target: yellow
- 85 >80% of the target: light red
- 80 0% of the target: dark red

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⁴⁴ If the EC service did not perform any transaction in the area measured by the indicator or the information is not available in the central financial system, the indicator is not calculated (i.e. displayed as "-") in this Annex.

Indicator	CA Implementation						
Category	Efficiency Controls / Budget						
Objective	Ensure efficient use of commitment appropriations						
Result	DG COMP achieved 98% compared to the EC result of 99%						
	9% 29% 40% 60% 80% 100% EC (99%) 98%						
Comment	N/A						
Definition	Formula: Value A / Value B - Value A: Committed L1 Accepted Amount + Direct Committed L2 Accepted Amount (EUR) - Value B: Credit Accepted Com Amount (EUR) Scope: Commitments on all relevant Fund Sources, except for: - Internal assigned revenue in first year (C4) - Internal assigned revenue from lettings and sale of buildings and lands (CL) - Repaid advances (structural funds) (C6) - External assigned revenue except for EFTA (FCA ,FRT, PO, RO, TCA, TF5, TFC)						

Indicator	PA Implementation	PA Implementation							
Category	Efficiency Controls / Budget	Efficiency Controls / Budget							
Objective	Ensure efficient use of paymer	Ensure efficient use of payment appropriations							
Result	DG COMP achieved 127% con	npared to the EC result of 9 9	9%						
	0% 20%	40%	60%	80%	100%				
					EC (99%) 127%				
Comment	PA Implementation higher appropriations of a differe				G СОМР.				
Definition	Formula: Value A / Value B - Value A: Payment Accepted A - Value B: Credit Accepted Pay Scope: Payments on all relevant Fund: - Internal assigned revenue in: - Internal assigned revenue from Repaid advances (structural)	Amount (EUR) Sources, except for: first year (C4) om lettings and sale of buildi.	ings and lands (CL)						
	External assigned revenue ex Payments stemming from Ci carried-forward as C8 to the	ccept for EFTA (FCA ,FRT, PO, 1, C5, E0 outstanding commit		budget positions that	will be				

Indicator	CA Forecast	CA Forecast Implementation						
Category	Efficiency Cor	Efficiency Controls / Budget						
Objective	Ensure the cu year	Ensure the cumulative alignment of the commitment implementation with the commitment forecast in a financial year						
Result	DG COMP ach	ieved 97% compared	I to the EC result of 98 °	/o				
	Θ%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%		
						EC (98%) 97%		
Comment	N/A							
Definition	- Value A: Co - Value B: Co Scope: - Commitme	mmitment Forecast Ar "if Value A / Value B be Value B) ""if Value A / Value B > nts on all relevant Fun	mount (EUR) etween 100 and 200% ther 200% then the result indi d Sources		equal to 1 – (ABS(Value			
	- Commitme	nt Forecast Amount (E	UK) from the most up to	date forecast version (Ir	nitial Mar-Aug, Revised	d Sep-Dec)		

Indicator	PA Forecast Implementation						
Category	Efficiency Controls / Budget						
Objective	Ensure the cumulative alignment of the payment implementation with the payment forecast in a financial year						
Result	DG COMP achieved 92% compared to the EC result of 99%						
	9% 29% 49% 69% 89% 100% EC (99%) 92%						
Comment	N/A						
Definition	Formula: Value A / Value B*,** - Value A: Payment Accepted Amount (EUR) - Value B: Payment Forecast Amount (EUR) *if Value B between 100 and 200% then the result indicator will be equal to 1 – (ABS(Value B – Value B) *if Value A / Value B > 200 % then the result indicator will be equal to 0% Scope: - Payments on all relevant Fund Sources - Payment Forecast Amount (EUR) from the most up to date forecast version (Initial Mar-Aug, Revised Sep-Dec)						

Indicator	Global Commitment Absorption						
Category	Efficiency Controls / Absorption						
Objective	Ensure efficient use of already earmarked commitment appropriations (at L1 level)						
Result	DG COMP achieved 92% compared to the EC result of 98%						
	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%						
Comment	N/A						
Definition	Formula: - Value A: Com L1 Consumption amount (EUR) - Value B: Com L1 Initial amount (EUR) + Com L1 Complementary Amount (EUR) + (Com L1 Decommitment Amount (EUR) on all Fund Sources except for C8 and C9) Scope: - Com L1 with FDC ILC date from 01/01 to 31/12 of the current year - No movements to the Com L1 Consumption amount (EUR) after the FDC ILC date is taken into account (Generally decommitments of L2 which decrease the Com L1 consumption) Remark: Due to technical limitation, the indicator does not take into account the Com L1 Consumption between the FDC ILC date and the FA FDI allowed as an exception in the external actions for Com L1 of type GF, i.e. with Financing Agreement, under the FR2018 Article 114.2. As a result, the actual Indicator score may be slightly higher than the one reported for DGs using the GF commitments.						

Indicator	Timely Payments					
Category	Efficiency Controls / Timeliness					
Objective	Ensure efficient processing of payments within the legal deadlines					
Result	DG COMP achieved 99% compared to the EC result of 99%					
	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% EC (99%) 99%					
Comment	The average payment delay in 2020 was less than 20 days ⁴⁵ , which is in line with the average payment delay in 2019. Furthermore, 99% of all payments were executed within the contractual limit, which is slightly better than in 2019 (97.4%) and in line with the overall performance of the Commission (99%).					
Definition	Formula: Value A / Value B - Value A: Payment Accepted Amount (EUR) in time o In Time: Payment Bank Value Date < = Payment legal deadline - Value B: Payment Accepted Amount (EUR) Scope: - Payments made in the current year - Payments valid for payment statistics (DWH Flag "Payment Time Status OK?" = "Y")					

⁴⁵ Cf. table 6 in Annex 3.

ANNEX 5: Materiality criteria

Since 2019⁴⁶, a 'de minimis' threshold for financial reservations has been introduced. Quantified AAR reservations related to residual error rates above the 2% materiality threshold, are deemed not substantial for segments representing less than 5% of a DG's total payments and with a financial impact below EUR 5 million. In such cases, quantified reservations are no longer needed.

In conformity with the current guidelines, DG Competition applies the following quantitative and qualitative materiality criteria, in order to assess the overall impact of a weakness and judge whether it is material enough to have an impact on the assurance.

Qualitative assessment

Competition policy is implemented through enforcement and involves predominantly procedural (case-handling) and advocacy activities, involving a very modest level of financial management.

Qualitative criteria cover significant reputational risks for the DG or the Commission and significant weaknesses in the internal control systems. For assessing the significance of the weakness, the nature and scope, duration, existence of mitigating controls and/or remedial actions are taken into account.

For weaknesses, which are considered significant in qualitative terms but not in quantitative terms, DG Competition takes into account the possible reputational impact they may entail to the image of DG Competition and the Commission. They will be assessed according to the context and nature of the impact, awareness and duration.

Quantitative assessment

As regards legality and regularity, the proposed standard quantitative materiality threshold of 2% of the residual error rate of the executed payments is applied. DG Competition considers it an appropriate threshold above which weaknesses detected should be considered "material".

In DG Competition, this applies to all non-compliance events detected throughout the year and with a quantifiable impact on legality and regularity.

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⁴⁶ Agreement of the Corporate Management Board of 30/4/2019.

ANNEX 6: Relevant Control System(s) for budget implementation (RCSs)

EU competition policy and enforcement

Main internal control objectives: Ensuring that EU competition policy and enforcement actions are of high quality

Main risks	Mitigating controls	Coverage, frequency and depth of controls	Cost- Effectiveness indicators
Challenges before courts potentially leading to significant reputational risks, excessive legal costs, annulments of decisions and (monetary) compensation claims of high value.	 A dedicated team in DG Competition continuously updates instrument specific Manuals of Procedures (ManProc) for antitrust/cartels, mergers and State aid. Instrument-based ManProcs and the Working Arrangements with the Commissioner provide guidance to the staff of DG Competition about the different roles, procedures, required consultations and procedurals steps to be followed in the daily operations. The case support Units contribute to ensuring policy consistency and high quality of draft decisions in terms of substance and clarity. They participate in the weekly meetings with the Commissioner and instrument management meetings contributing to the uniform application of the rules and regulations by the case teams. Chief Economist Team (CET) offers an expert economic view for policy development and provides independent guidance in individual cases in all 3 instruments (anti-trust, mergers and State aid) throughout the investigation process and a final written advice on a formal proposal which is to be submitted for decision to the Commissioner. Peer review panel assures internal scrutiny organised for major antitrust, merger and State aid cases, covering all or certain aspects of the case (factual basis, legal reasoning and economic analysis). Legal Service (an independent Commission service operating under the control and authority of the President of the Commission) ensures high quality output in terms of theory of harm and legal reasoning in enforcement cases and policy documents. Independent Hearing Officers chair oral hearings and oversee the procedural fairness of competition proceedings in the field of antitrust, cartels and mergers and provide a final opinion published in the Official Journal when the Commission decision is taken. The Principal Adviser strengthens the capacity of DG Competition to carry out economic evaluations of the EU's competition policy. Senior Management Meeting (SMM	Coverage: 100%	Number of control failures Number of annulments of competition decisions by the EU courts and reductions of fines

Main risks	Mitigating controls	Coverage, frequency and depth of controls	Cost- Effectiveness indicators
	 Quarterly, or ad-hoc multiannual meetings, strategic meetings of the Commissioner with the Senior Management and Directorates of DG Competition are regularly updated on the progress in the most important enforcement cases in all instruments. 		

Security of IT-systems

Main control objectives: Ensure that confidential and/or sensitive information is not disclosed or its integrity breached (data altered) due to security of IT systems and/or information processes not being fully effective.

Main risks	Mitigatina controla	Coverage, frequency and depth	Cost-Effectiveness
Main risks	Mitigating controls	of controls	indicators
Sensitive information is disclosed or its integrity breached (data altered) due to security of IT systems and/or information processes not being fully effective.	Security of IT systems and information safeguarding 'culture': appropriate design of IT systems and/or information processes; Update of the IT Risk Register Formal procedures to add, manage and remove user access rights to IT applications. Detailed manuals of procedures, specific guidance by LISO and LSO. Application of corporate policy on job functions that handle sensitive information Use of marking system. Reporting, risk assessment and follow-up of incidents. Physical access controls. LISO's prior approval of, and timely follow up reporting by, DG DIGIT's investigation of suspicious activities on COMP workstations Staff awareness actions	Security rules and culture to be adjusted in view of latest technical developments and 'possibilities'. DG's IT governance body to evaluate the probability and impact of IT risks at least once per year and to discuss mitigation actions. Continuous risk management of each project according to the PM² methodology; Daily access rights management of the case management applications and related applications Systematic (access controls, training sessions for newcomers, reporting and follow-up of disclosures), and ad –hoc (update of internal guidance documents, communication of events and policies, information sessions)	Reputational events during the reporting year linked to issues of data security and the protection of confidential and/or sensitive information. Cost: estimate of cost of staff involved. Effectiveness: staff awareness of security rules and best practices. Number of disclosures reported (accidental or leaks).

Fines imposed in the area of Competition

Main control objectives: Ensuring that the Commission establishes its revenue entitlements and correctly registers its revenue entitlements, reliable reporting (true and fair)

Main risks	Mitigating controls	Coverage, frequency and depth of controls	Cost-Effectiveness indicators
The Commission decision embeds weaknesses that would undermine the Commission's legal rights in terms of revenue entitlements	Main parameters of the fines are discussed before the SO is finalised in a meeting chaired by the DDG Antitrust in which A1, CET, LS and CAB participate Experienced case handlers verify calculations (fresh pair of eyes)	Coverage: 100% in-depth panel review for draft COMP-decisions on fines	Value of the rights concerned (e.g. decision on fine overruled by CoJ) Benefits: The (average annual) total value of the significant errors detected/avoided -

Main risks	Mitigating controls	Coverage, frequency and depth of controls	Cost-Effectiveness indicators
such as decision not addressed to the correct legal entity.			and thus prevented in terms of the Commission's rights
EU accounting rules are not respected and that the accounts do not reflect the reality.	Commission Decisions being followed-up by concerned services	Coverage: 100% monthly for new decisions quarterly for follow-up of fines before Court of Justice	Effectiveness: Value of the rights concerned Benefits: The accounts at yearend give a true and fair view. Economy (costs): estimation of cost of staff involved in the controls.

Prevention, detection and correction of fraud and irregularities

Main control objectives: Ensuring that staff behaves according to the highest professional standards.

Main risks It may happen (again) that	Mitigating controls	Coverage, frequency and depth of controls	Cost-Effectiveness indicators
The reputation of the Commission is damaged due to the misconduct of staff.	Controls put in place in addition to the existing controls at central level (ethics declarations and training): • Training and awareness sessions on ethics for staff. Systematic training of newcomers, including trainees and visiting staff.	Coverage: 100% Relevant staff receives yearly and specific conflict of interests declarations, and is invited to training sessions.	Cost: estimate of cost of staff involved. Benefits: staff awareness about the ethical rules, no reports of unethical behaviour, number of IDOC/OLAF investigations.
	 Conflict of Interest checks in Case Management applications Yearly declaration of awareness of conflict of interest rules. Two staff members supporting DG HR in information to staff on ethics rules. 		

Management of administrative expenditures

Main control objectives: Ensuring that the implementation of the contract is in compliance with the signed contract before payment

Main risks		Coverage, frequency and	Cost-Effectiveness
It may happen	Mitigating controls	depth of controls	indicators
(again) that		depth of controls	mulcacors
The goods/services/	Operational and financial checks in	100% of the contracts are	Error rate < 2%
works foreseen are not, totally or	accordance with the financial circuits.	controlled	Payment times
partially, provided in accordance with the	Operation authorisation by the AO.	Depth: All underlying documents	Deterrents & systematic
technical description and requirements	Network in place for co-ordination,		weaknesses corrected.
foreseen in the contract and/or the	monitoring and follow-up of contracts.		Benefits: Controls performed comply with the base line
amounts paid exceed that due in accordance with the			requirements of the Financial Regulation.
applicable contractual			
and regulatory provisions.			
DG unable to meet			
some objectives and			

Main risks It may happen (again) that	Mitigating controls	Coverage, frequency and depth of controls	Cost-Effectiveness indicators
priorities because			
contractor unable to			
deliver.			

Main control objectives: Ensuring that any weakness in the procedures (tender and financial transactions) is corrected

Main risks It may happen (again) that	ppen Mitigating controls Coverage, frequency and depth of controls		Cost-Effectiveness indicators		
An error or non-	Review of procurements and financial	Representative coverage.	Amounts detected associated		
compliance with	transactions through ex-post audits		with fraud & error.		
regulatory and	performed by the ICC.	Depth: all underlying			
contractual		documents.	Potential irregularities, errors		
provisions, including technical	Review of reported exceptions.		and overpayments prevented.		
specifications, or a			Benefits: Controls performed		
fraud, is not detected			comply with the base line		
by ex-ante control,			requirements of the Financial		
prior to payment.			Regulation.		
			Potential irregularities, errors		
			and overpayments prevented.		
			Number of cases referred to		
			OLAF.		
			Number of instances of		
			overriding controls or deviation		
			from established procedure		

ANNEX 7: Specific annexes related to "Financial Management"

Table Y - Overview of DG's/EA's estimated cost of controls at Commission (EC) level:

Title of the Relevant Control System (RCS)/Other		Ex ante controls		Ex post controls		Total		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
	EC total costs (in M€)	related funds managed/conce rned (in M€)	Ratio (%)* (a)/(b)	EC total costs	total value verified and/or audited	Ratio (%)' (d)/(e)	EC total estimated cost of controls (in M€) (a)+(d)	Ratio (%)* (g)/(b)
a. – EU competition policy and enforcement actions	8.0	107.22**	7.46	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.0	7.46**
b Safeguard of information and IT-systems	0.19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.19	N/A
c Fines imposed in the area of competition	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A***
d. – Prevention, detection and correction of fraud and irregularities	0.04	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.04	N/A
e. – Financial management – administrative expenditure	0.22	14.5***	1.52%	0.12	6.35	1.89%	0.34	2.34%***
OVERALL total estimated cost of control at EC level	8.45	121.72	6.94%	0.12	6.35	1.89%	8.57	7.04%

^{*} Ratio possibly "Not Applicable (N/A)" if a RCS specifically covers an Internal Control Objective such as safeguarding sensitive information, reliable accounting/reporting, etc.

^{**} Ratio is based on the allocated budget under title 3, "Administrative expenditure of the Competition policy area". This allows for correct ratio of cost of controls as competition policy is implemented through human resources rather than through financial resources. Expected high quality of policy proposals and decisions under scrutiny of stakeholders and courts justifies relatively high (7.46%) cost of controls ratio.

^{***} Once the decision is adopted, the cost of controls to ensure a correct registration of a fine decision corresponds to less than 10% of a full time equivalent as the number of fines decisions in a year is limited.

^{****} Ratio for total estimated cost based on total expenditure in 2020.

ANNEX 8: Specific annexes related to "Assessment of the effectiveness of the internal control systems"

In 2020, the ECA issued two special reports on its performance audits DG Competition. In October 2020, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) published the conclusions and recommendations related to its audit of the Commission's control of State aid to EU financial institutions. In November 2020, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) published a Special Report on EU merger control and antitrust proceedings in the period.

In November 2020, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) published a Special Report on EU merger control and antitrust proceedings⁴⁷ in the period 2010-2017. In the report, ECA concluded that the European Commission, the enforcer of EU competition rules, has generally made good use of its powers in antitrust proceedings and merger control, and addressed competition concerns with its decisions. ECA also found that overall the NCAs and the Commission cooperated well in the European Competition Network.

However, ECA points to the increasing complexity of the context in which competition rules are enforced, especially due to the challenges relating to digital markets, and sees a need to scale up market oversight. The ECA acknowledges the efforts made by the Commission since 2017 to accelerate its antitrust proceedings, and takes note of the constantly high success rate of the Commission defending its competition decisions in EU Courts. The ECA report confirms the relevance of the Commission's ongoing review of competition rules and of the tools at its disposal to ensure that they are fit for the changing market environment, including the accelerating digitalisation of the economy. As also detailed in this report, the Commission has a significant policy agenda in antirust for the next years, including the review of its horizontal and vertical rules and guidance and of the market definition notice, as well as efforts to introduce new policy tools in digital markets, in line with the Commission Work Programme.

In the report, ECA calls for the Commission to perform a study of the deterrent effect of its fines and update its fine-setting methodology as appropriate. The Commission envisages to conduct an external study on whether the fines imposed under its current fining methodology achieve that aim. Finally, ECA recommends that the Commission regularly carries out ex-post evaluations of its enforcement. The Commission accepts this recommendation subject to the availability of sufficient resources.

In October 2020, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) published the conclusions and recommendations related to its audit of the Commission's control of State aid to EU financial institutions.⁴⁸ The audit focused on the application of financial-sector State aid

European Court of Auditors Special Report 24/2020 *The Commission's EU merger control and antitrust proceedings: a need to scale up market oversight,* of 19 November 2020, available at https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR20 24/SR Competition policy EN.pdf.

European Court of Auditors Special Report 21/2020; Control of State aid to financial institutions in the EU: in need of a fitness check https://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/DocItem.aspx?did=54624.

rules since August 2013 (when the Commission started to apply the 2013 Banking Communication) until the end of 2018.

In its Special Report, ECA acknowledged that, overall, the EU has developed appropriate means and powers for the efficient control of State aid to banks and that the rules for the control of State aid to the financial sector were well drafted and clear. It also concluded that the Commission allocated the necessary resources and expertise to State aid enforcement in this sector and established a robust ethical framework. On the other hand, ECA was of the view that, in some areas, State aid enforcement in the financial sector could be improved. To that end, ECA recommended the Commission to conduct an evaluation of the existing rules after the current Covid-19 crisis and by 2023 at the latest, to work on document management and to encourage Member States to better respect best practices, and to improve performance management indicators.

The Commission strives to improve its enforcement action in the area of State aid, as it does in all other areas. Therefore, the Commission agreed to put forward a series of actions to follow up on ECA's recommendations. For instance, the Commission will continue to work on the improvement of its internal processes and document management system to further increase efficiency. This process has already started. The Commission also encourages Member States to respect the existing best practices on, for example, the length of prenotification contacts. In addition, the Commission will revisit the existing performance indicators in its management reports to increase accuracy of the monitoring of its enforcement action in the relevant area.

Finally, in the context of the ECA Special Report, the Commission also committed to carry out an evaluation of current financial-sector State aid rules. As a follow-up to the Eurogroup statement of 30 November 2020,⁴⁹ the Commission continues its process towards reviewing its State aid framework for banks, using a holistic approach to ensure consistency between the Bank Recovery Resolution Directive and the Deposit Guarantee Scheme Directive, in particular in relation to adequate burden sharing of shareholders and creditors to protect taxpayers, and the preservation of financial stability.

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See https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/11/30/statement-of-the-eurogroup-in-inclusive-format-on-the-esm-reform-and-the-early-introduction-of-the-backstop-to-the-single-resolution-fund/.

ANNEX 9: Reporting - Human resources, digital transformation and information management and sound environmental management

1. Human resource management

Objective 1: DG Competition employs a competent and engaged workforce and contributes to gender equality at all levels of management to effectively deliver on the Commission's priorities and core business

Indicator 1: Number and percentage of first female appointments to middle management positions

Source of data: Commission Decision SEC(2020)146 of 1 April 2020 and SYSPER

Baseline	Target ⁵⁰	Latest known results
(2019)	(2022)	(2020)
45%, 20	Two first female appointments	Two first female
out of 44		appointments (67% of
		all appointments)

Indicator 2: DG Competition's staff engagement index

Source of data: Commission Staff survey 2018 and pulse surveys 2020/2021

Baseline	Target	Latest known results
(2018)	(2024)	(2020/2021)
76%	At least 76% and maintain above the Commission	73% compared to the
	average (69% in 2018)	Commission average of
		69%

Indicator 3: Percentage of DG Competition's staff who feel that this organisation cares about their well-being at work

Source of data: Commission Staff survey 2018 and pulse survey 2020

Baseline	Target	Latest known results
(2018)	(2024)	(2020)
59%	At least 59% and maintain above the Commission	47% compared to the
	average (52% in 2018)	Commission average of
		48%

Objective 2: Motivate, train and retain highly qualified staff and promote equal opportunities with DG Competition

Indicator 1: Turnover (% of statutory staff leaving DG Competition before three years in the DG)

Source of data: Sysper

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⁵⁰ The target will be reviewed for the period 2023-2024 by January 2023.

Baseline	Target	Latest known results	
(2019)	(2024)	(2020)	
3.1%	Less than 3.1%	3.1% ⁵¹	
Indicator 2	Indicator 2: DG Competition's staff engagement index		
Source of	Source of data: Commission Staff survey 2018 and pulse suveys 2020/2021		
Baseline	Target	Latest known results	
Dasellile	Target	Latest Known results	
(2018)	(2024)	(2020/2021)	
(2018)	(2024)	(2020/2021)	

Objective 3: Information flows effectively throughout DG Competition so that staff understand Commission and DG Competition's objectives and how their individual work relates to these objectives

Indicator 1: Understanding by the staff of DG Competition's priorities Source of data: Commission staff survey 2018*

Baseline	Target	Latest known results
(2018)	(2024)	(2018)
73%	Improve level of staff understanding	73%

Indicator 2: Understanding by the staff of DG Competition of their objectives and tasks

Source of data: Commission Staff survey

Baseline	Target	Latest known results
(2018)	(2024)	(2018)
93%	Maintain or increase	93%

* Note that the timing of staff surveys, in relation to the stage of the mandate, may affect staff awareness of Commission-wide objectives.

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This figure includes all statutory staff, i.e. Officials, Temporary Agents and Contract Agents, and thus also staff with contracts of limited duration. If only AD and AST officials are considered, the percentage of staff leaving DG Competition before three years in DG Competition reaches 2.1%.

2. Digital transformation and information management

Objective: DG Competition is using innovative, trusted digital solutions for better competition enforcement, information management and administrative		
processes to forge a truly digitally transformed, user-focused and data-driven		
	on in the competition domain and beyond	
	L: Degree of implementation of the digital solution management solutions (CASE@EC)	ons modernisation
Baseline	Target	Latest known results
(2019)	(2024)	(2020)
18,75%	95%	18,75%
Indicator 2	2: Degree of implementation of the digital solution	ns modernisation
	anges with external stakeholders (aggregated)	
Baseline (2019)	Target (2024)	Latest known results (2020)
50%	100%	50%
Indicator 3	3: Degree of implementation of the digital solution	ns modernisation
plan: data	analytics/artificial intelligence (aggregated)	
Baseline	Target	Latest known results
(2019)	(2024)	(2020)
18,75%	100%	18,75%
Indicator 4	: Percentage of new information systems (going	into production in a
given year) having a security plan and/or a security risk as	ssessment
Baseline	Target	Latest known results
(2019)	(2024)	(2020)
N/A	100%	100%
	: Percentage of newcomers attending awarenes	s raising activities on
data protection compliance		
Baseline	Target	Latest known results
(2018)	(2024)	(2020)
90%	100%	100%
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Objective: Information and knowledge in DG Competition is shared and reusable by other DGs. Important documents are registered, filed and retrievable. Indicator 1: Percentage of registered documents that are not filed (ratio)		
Baseline (2015)	Target	Latest known results (2020)
0% (EDMA)	0% (EDMA)	0%
Indicator 2: Percentage of documents in case files readable/accessible by all units in the DG.		
Baseline	Target	Latest known results

(2015)		(2020)
99%	99%	99%
Indicator 3	: Percentage of files shared with other DGs	
Baseline (2015)	Target	Latest known results (2020)
0%	0%	0%
Indicator 4	Indicator 4: Percentage of sectoral and policy units using collaborative tools	
Baseline (2019)	Target	Latest known results (2020)
100%	100%	100%
Indicator 5: Percentage of documents approved through an electronic workflow of validation		electronic workflow
Baseline (2019)	Target	Latest known results (2020)
80%	80%	80%

3. Sound environmental management

Objective 1: Setting up an EMAS Team			
Indicator N/A	Indicator N/A Source of data: My IntraComm and EMAS correspondent at DG Competition		
Source of data: M			
Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Latest known results (2020)	
(1) Non-existing EMAS team. (2) Staff can be addressed via the news items on My IntraComm, the COMP newsletter, and the local EMAS webpage. (3) Centralized knowledge with the EMAS Correspondent.	 (1) Regular team meetings. (2) Make use of existing channels and build new ones, for communication of the EMAS correspondent within the DG. (3) Gain knowledge on who and for what to address, on EMAS related questions, both internally and externally and share it with the team. 	Targets met. (1) Four meetings of the team, spread in the first half of the year. (2) Next to the existing means for communication, a right for direct connection via mail to all staff was granted for the functional mailbox of the EMAS correspondent. (3) MS Teams group "Green-Dream-Team@COMP" was created, containing regularly updated knowledge collection and channels for communication on different topics.	

Objective 2: Laun	Objective 2: Launching call for green ambassadors and volunteers		
Indicator N/A			
Source of data: EMAS correspondent at DG Competition			
Baseline (2019)	Baseline (2019) Target Latest known results		
	(2020)	(2020)	

N/A	Reach all staff	Target met.
		Call to all staff made via e-mail,
		yelling 25 volunteers.

Objective 3: Organising local communication campaigns in line with the corporate campaigns

Indicator N/A

Source of data: My IntraComm and EMAS correspondent at DG Competition

Baseline (2019)	Target	Latest known results	
	(2020)	(2020)	
N/A	N/A	(1) Dissemination of corporate EMAS related communication via	
		Intracom- 5 and local EMAS actions a email- 2.	
		(2) Maintenance of the COMP EMAS	
		webpage.	

Main outputs in 2020:			
Description Baseline ⁵² (2018)	Indicator ⁵³ (2022)	Target (2024)	Latest known results ⁵⁴ (2019)
Energy consumption of buildings (MWh / person): -8.8%	-5.2%	Achieve greater reduction	-8.2%
Water use (m3 / person): -9.5%	-5.4%	Achieve greater reduction	-25%
Office paper consumption (sheets / person / day): -32%	-34%	Achieve greater reduction	-37%
CO2 emissions from buildings (tonnes / person): -24%	-5.1%	Achieve greater reduction	-22%
Waste generation (tonnes / person): -15%	-9.7%	Achieve greater reduction	-17%

Explanation (Strategic Plan 2020-24): This indicator looks at percentage reductions compared to 2014 levels. It gives the weighted average for eight Commission sites participating in the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) on specific core parameters. The sites are Commission buildings in Brussels and Luxembourg, as well as JRC sites Geel (Belgium), Petten (the Netherlands), Seville (Spain), Karlsruhe (Germany), and Ispra (Italy), along with DG SANTE at Grange (Ireland).

The Interim milestone (2022) and the Target (2024) from the Strategic Plan 2020-24 are currently under revision by the Commission's EMAS Steering committee.

⁵⁴ Source of data for latest known results: <u>Environmental Statement 2020 (</u>2019 results) p. 7

ANNEX 10: Implementation through national or international publicsector bodies and bodies governed by private law with a public sector mission (not applicable)

ANNEX 11: EAMR of the Union Delegations (not applicable)

ANNEX 12: Decentralised agencies and/or EU Trust Funds (not applicable)