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State aid transparency standards are an important component of the European Union's policy on regulating the provision of state support to business entities. They are aimed at ensuring openness, predictability and equal conditions for competition in the EU internal market.



TRANSPARENCY DIRECTIVE (UKRAINE)



The European Commission insists on the need to increase the transparency of transactions between the state and state-owned enterprises by harmonizing Ukrainian legislation with Commission Directive 2006/111/EU of November 16, 2006 on the transparency of financial relations between Member States and public undertakings.

NOTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION

- the obligation to notify the European Commission of plans to provide aid, which allows the Commission to assess the compliance of aid with EU rules and take measures if it distorts competition.
- publication of information on the aid provided in the state aid registers at the national and European levels. These registers are open to the public, which ensures transparency.



PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY



State aid rules apply to all companies, regardless of ownership, to a nearly equal extent, considering state-owned companies to be business entities within the meaning of state aid legislation and able to offer goods and services on a commercial basis. Accordingly, the budgetary resource they receive may provide benefits with a predictable impact on competition.

TRANSPARENCY OF FINANCIAL RELATIONS

Effective application of aid rules to both state-owned and private enterprises is possible only if these financial relations are transparent, which is ensured by keeping separate books so that expenses and income from different activities, including the budgetary resource received for the provided PEA (services of general economic interest), are clearly reflected in different accounts of the companies.

