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STATE AID - OPPORTUNITIES, IMPACT AND PROSPECTS

The Competition Council has organised today, in the conference hall of the Esplanada Hotel, in Tulcea, a seminar having as thematic „**State aid - opportunities, impact and prospects**”. Within the seminar were presented the news in the State aid field as well as the opportunities offered by the domestic and *communautaire* law in the support of the business environment from Romania, including those specific for the context of the economic – financial crisis.

„This event represents a new proof that the Competition Authority takes very seriously its role as counsellor in the State aid field for public bodies at central, as well as local level. We shall continue to organise this type of events in several areas of the country, in order to ensure a better knowledge of the regulations in the field and, hence, a better absorption of the European funds”, has declared Mr. Bogdan Chirițoiu, President of the Competition Council.

The Competition Council's experts have presented the proceedings by which the institution comes to the support of the persons and institutions interested in the State aid field, by continuously granting professional assistance, at central and local level, as well as through the ReNAS Program, program developed by the Competition Council especially for this purpose.

At the same time, it was presented the web-page of the Romanian State aid Network – www.ajutordestat.eu or www.renascce.eu, page which presents in a complete and accessible manner all the necessary information in the State aid field: national and *communautaire* legislation in the State aid field (in Romanian, as well as in English), forms, procedures, news, articles and publications, Formal opinions and decisions issued by the Competition Council, as well as decisions issued by the European Commission.

At this seminar have participated representatives from the local authorities from Tulcea (authorities which granted or aim to grant facilities in the nature of State aid to different undertakings), as well as competition experts within the Competition Council's territorial inspectorates from the following counties: Vrancea, Constanța, Galați, Brăila, Argeș, Călărași, Ialomița, Dâmbovița, Teleorman, Giurgiu and Tulcea.