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Developments in Field of State Aid

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State aid: Amount & as % of GDP [2016 & 2017]

2017 **2017: EUR 111 billion** 4575 **Agriculture: EUR 5.5 billion** [0.76% of GDP] Railways: EUR 43.6 billion 2016: EUR 103 billion 2016 [0.71% of GDP] Agriculture: EUR 5.3 billion **2015:** EUR 98 billion [0.67% of GDP] 2015 2014: EUR 101.2 billion 0.96 [0.72% of GDP] 0.91 2013: EUR 62.7 billion 2014 [0.5% of GDP] 2012: EUR 66.7 billion 56

0.38

0.31

0.45

0.33

0.53

0.76

1.31

0.34

0.8

1.59

0.5

0.29

Railways: EUR 47.16 billion **Agriculture: EUR 7.4 billion** Railways: EUR 41.6 billion **Agriculture: EUR 7.6 billion** Railways: EUR 41.2 billion **Banks** 2017: EUR 342.7 billion 2016: EUR 312.8 billion 2015: EUR 176.2 billion 2014: EUR 26.1 billion 0.6

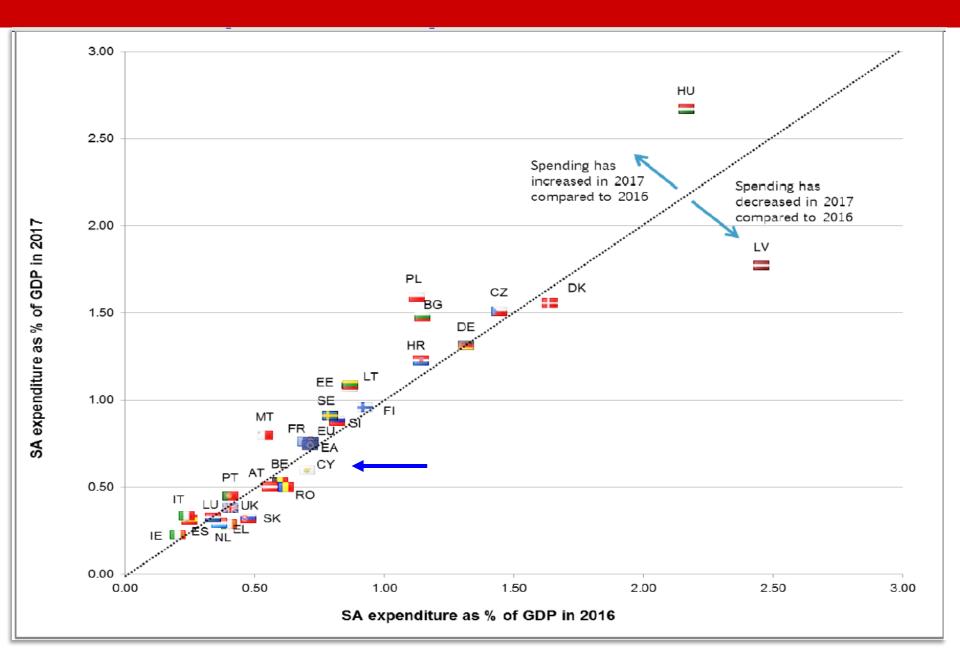
2017

- 3334 active measures
 - of which 77% were schemes
 - What counts as SA changes according to case law
 - C-20/15 P: Commission v World Duty Free

"(5) An increase of State aid for promotion of export and internationalisation of about 730 million EUR, entirely due to reporting by Spain of the amounts spent under a former tax scheme benefitting companies acquiring foreign shareholdings (SA.35550), subject to a recovery procedure"

• C-405/16 P: Germany v Commission [EEG 2012]

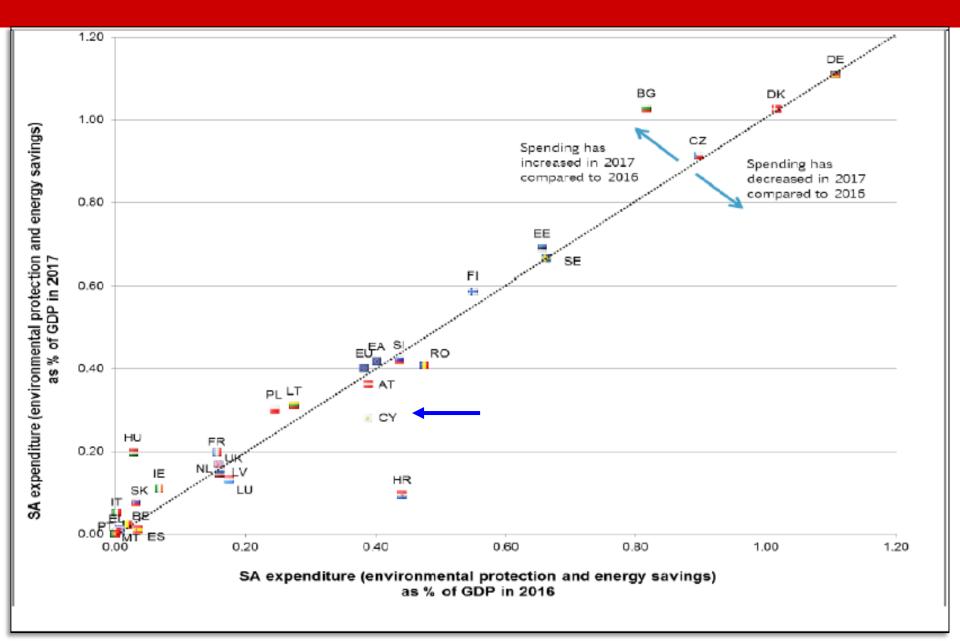
Change in state aid as % of GDP



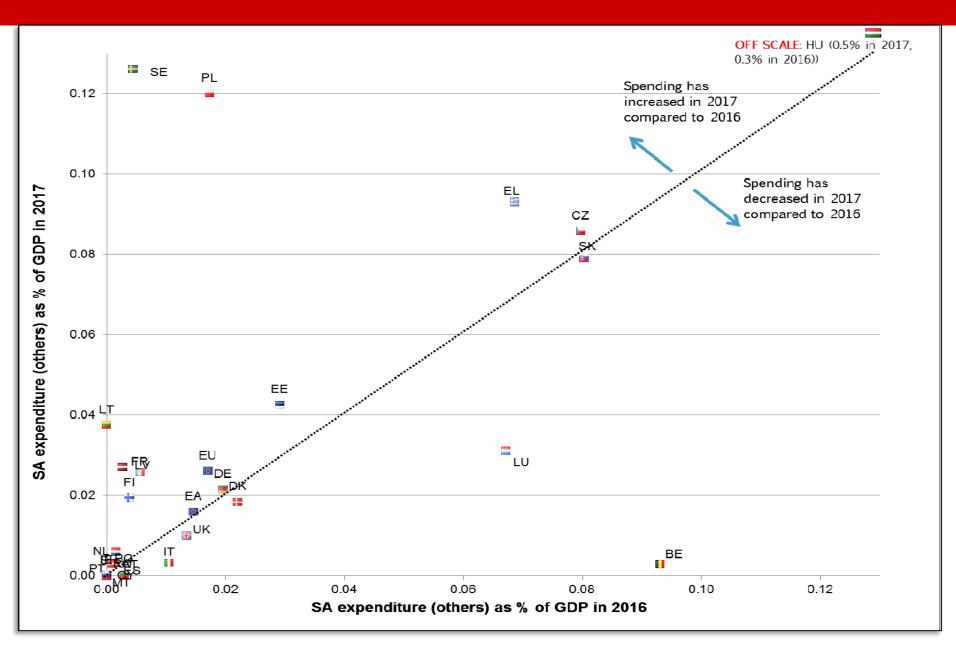
Aid objectives [euro, billion]

Objective	2016	2017
Energy & environmental aid	55.92	61.28
R&D&I	9.10	8.81
Regional aid	7.26	9.89
SMEs & risk capital	5.27	5.78
Culture	4.61	5.69
Employment	2.30	2.52
Training	0.48	0.53
Rescue & restructuring	0.13	0.25

Change in state aid for energy & environment as % of GDP



Change in state aid for other objectives as % of GDP

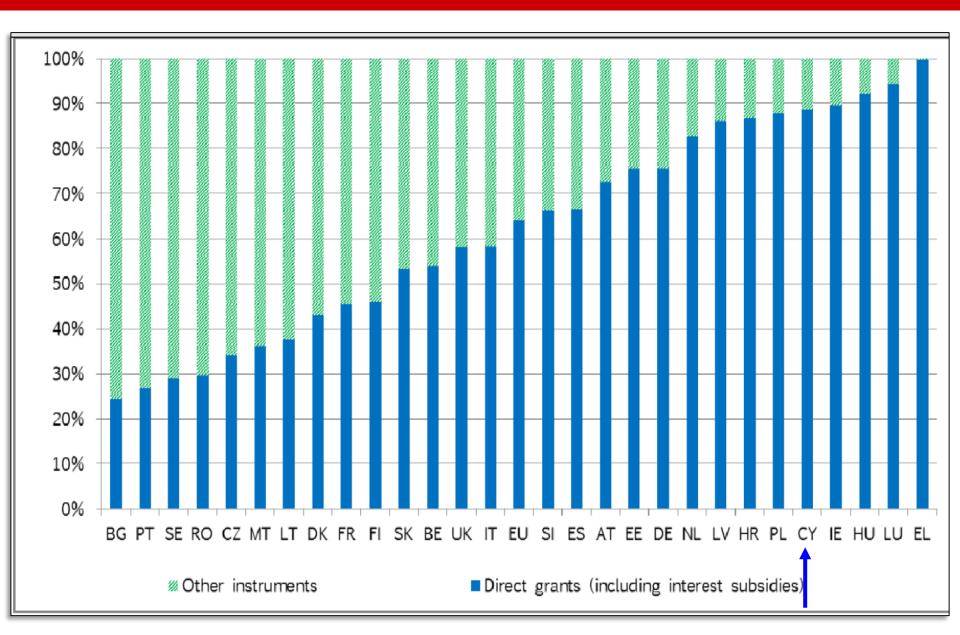


Aid instruments [euro, billion]

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Grant	58.94	57.75	64.68	70.69
Tax exemption	28.24	27.30	30.88	32.46
Guarantee	2.67	1.88	0.29	0.29
Soft loan	1.71	1.27	0.77	1.43
Equity participation	0.62	0.70	0.45	0.47
Tax deferral	0.03	0.03	0.06	••
Other	1.31	1.85	3.30	5.29
	2014: 2015:			

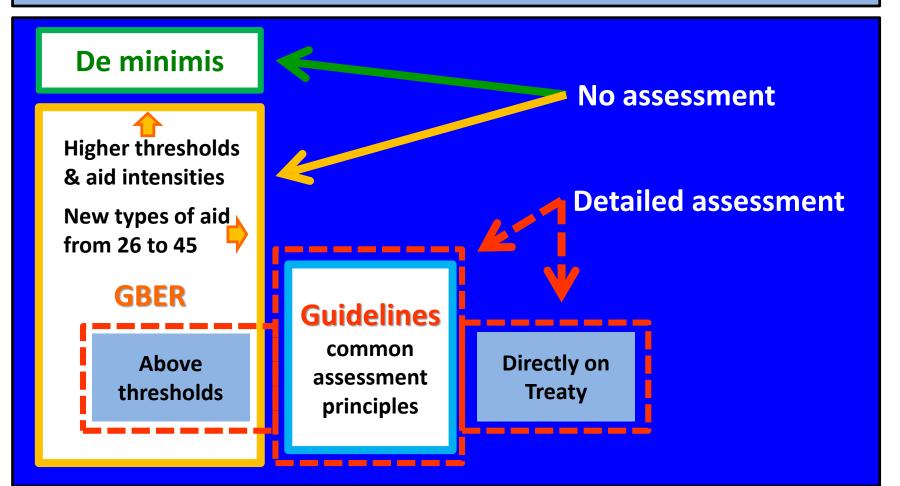
2017: 41.70

State aid disbursed through grants & other instruments



State Aid Modernisation [SAM]

Ex ante conditionality [required by Structural Funds]



Ex post evaluation

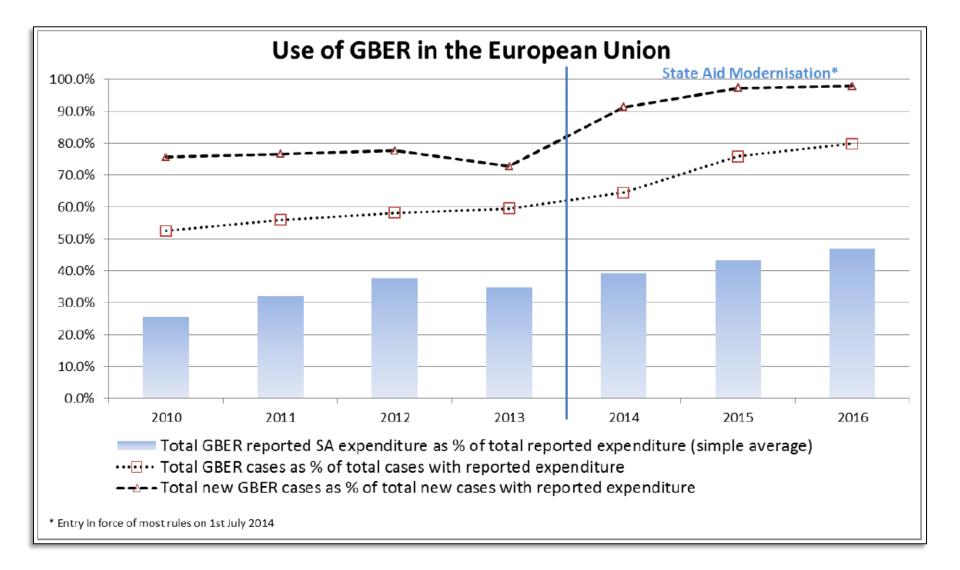
Ex post evaluation [7/2014-9/2018]

Total: 45 measures [39 approved, 6 pending] 16 MS

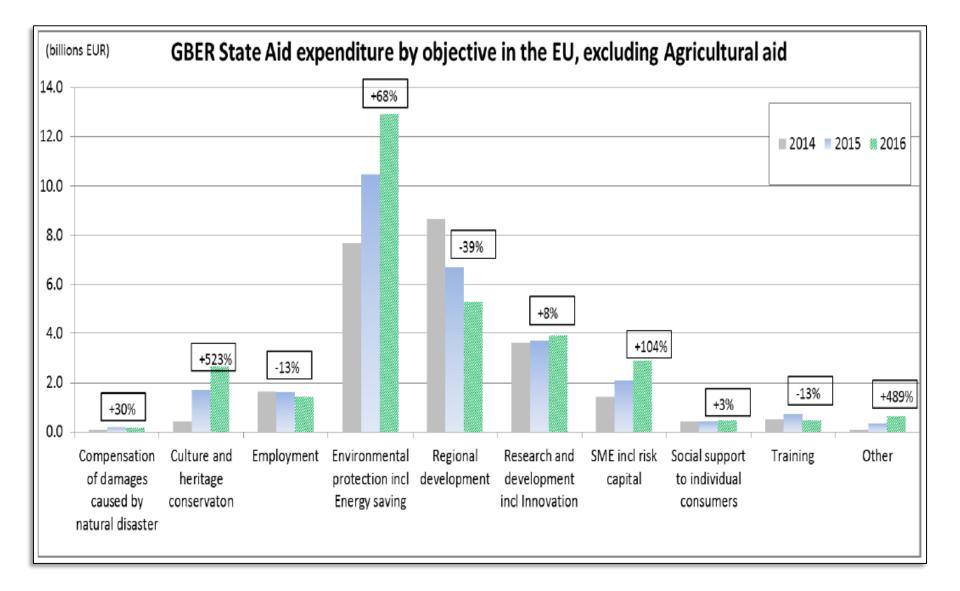
DE: 7
PL: 7
FR: 6
UK: 6
<u>IT: 4</u>
30 [67%]

Regional	29%
RDI	24%
Broadban	d 22%
Energy	<u>16%</u>
	91%

GBER



Share of spending per GBER objective



Assessment & transparency



GBER [Ex post monitoring]

[Transparency: Register 2016-18: 45,000 awards] De minimis aid

Decisions [1/7/2014 – 15/2/2019]

Notified measures:	1179
Non-notified measures:	201
<u>Total:</u>	<u>1380</u>
Negative:	88
 No state aid: 	93
Formal investigations:	171
Negative:	85
 No state aid: 	32

Revision of rules

- Commission announces on 7 January 2019 prolongation and evaluation of current rules
- Prolongation until December 2022 of:
 - GBER
 - De minimis Regulation
 - Guidelines on regional aid
 - Guidelines on risk finance
 - Guidelines on environmental protection and energy
 - Guidelines on rescue and restructuring
 - Communication on IPCEI

Cont.

- Evaluation of:
 - GBER
 - De minimis Regulation
 - Guidelines on regional aid
 - Guidelines on risk finance
 - Guidelines on environmental protection and energy
 - Guidelines on rescue and restructuring
 - Framework RDI
 - Communication IPCEI
 - Guidelines on aid to airports and airlines
 - Railways Guidelines
 - Short term export credit Communication