



# Short Sea Shipping (SSS) and Motorways of the Sea (MoS) - Focal Points Meeting 16 November 2011

STATE AID MEASURES

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# ● General principles

- The decision to grant State aid lies with the Member States
- Member States should notify individual aid or schemes before implementation
- 3 sets of State aid guidelines : environmental, regional and shipbuilding frameworks

- Environmental State aid guidelines
  - Retro-fitting air pollution control devices (scrubbers) to the exhaust systems of existing vessels
  - Retro-fitting marine engines on existing vessels to allow them to burn the low sulphur fuel more efficiently
  - Fitting new vessels with liquid natural gas (LNG) marine engines

- Environmental State aid guidelines – Aid intensities for large companies
  - Investments which go beyond Community standards or in the absence of Community standards = 50 % of the eligible costs
  - Eligible costs : additional costs for acquiring the more-environmentally-friendly equipment (additional benefits must be deducted)

- Environmental State aid guidelines – Aid intensities for large companies
  - Aid for early adaptation to future Community standards - General rules :
    - » Investment more than 3 years before entry into force of the new standard : 15 %
    - » Investment between 1 and 3 years before entry into force of the new standard : 10 %
    - » Investment 1 year before entry into force of the new standard : no State aid

## ● Regional State aid guidelines

- Investment in port reception facilities that treat slurries created by the scrubbers
- Investment support for the construction of marine-LNG refuelling stations
- Assisted regions eligible for regional State aid under Article 107 (3) (a) and (c) of the Treaty
- Guidelines expire in end 2013

# ● Shipbuilding framework

- Aid to shipyards
- Construction of new vessels or retro-fitting of existing vessels involving « innovation »
- Cost related to investments, design, engineering and testing activities directly related to the innovative part of the project
- The framework expires in 2011



Thank you very much for your  
attention