

## STATE AID

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LOT N° 11 REQUEST N° 2005-0707-0308 CROATIAN MARITIME SECTOR: STATE AID AND MARKET ACCESS.

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### **Overall Objective(s)**

Assisting Croatian administration in harmonizing national policy, legislation and practices with EU legislation and best practices on state aid, market access in maritime transport and regulation on maritime cabotage.

### **Project Purpose**

The project purpose is to improve policy-making and policy implementation capacity of Croatian Maritime Administration with regard to obligations towards EU by creating an explicit overview on existing legislation and schemes harmonized with EU *acquis communautaire* on state aid, market access in maritime transport and maritime cabotage to be applied by Croatia in the process of harmonization with EU legislation with practical advice as to the possible options and modalities implied including the analysis of financial impact of such measures.

### **Specific objectives:**

Technical assistance is to cover the analysis of baseline situation on EU and national legislation covering state aid, market access cabotage in maritime transport such as Regulation 3577/92 applying the freedom to provide services to maritime transport within Member States (cabotage), Regulation 4055/86 applying the principle of freedom to provide services to maritime transport between Member States and between Member States and third countries, Act on regular and Occasional Coastal Maritime Transport Services (OG 33/06) Maritime Code and other.

Also technical assistance is to cover the overview and analysis of past and existing best practices and relevant examples of character, methodology and practical implementation of state aid schemes in maritime transport approved under the EU legislation in EU countries including disbursement control and monitoring systems (at least 6 relevant Member States), detailed overview of implementation of market access in maritime transport and maritime cabotage directives in MS particularly public liner services on the bases of which the contractor is to produce a coherent Study on state aid, market access and cabotage in maritime transport with recommendations on improvements and adjustments to be implemented in Croatia with the analysis of economic impacts of such measures and the indicative action plan for the reform (if applicable).

### **Project activities:**

- Analysis of baseline situation on EU, MS national and Croatian policy and legislation covering state aid, market access and cabotage in maritime transport
- Overview and analysis of past and existing best practices and relevant examples of state aid schemes in maritime transport approved under the EU legislation in EU member states including policy aims, financial and other characteristics, implementation methodology, disbursement control and monitoring systems and other relevant considerations (at least 6 relevant Member States) and detailed overview of implementation of market access in maritime transport and maritime cabotage directives in MS particularly regarding public liner services
- A coherent Study on state aid, market access and cabotage in maritime transport with considerations on possible solutions/scenarios and recommendations on future state aid schemes to be implemented in Croatia with economic-financial considerations and cost benefit analysis to be implemented in Croatia published in English and Croatian
- Public presentation of the results of the Study