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***European Economic and Social Committee***

***Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society (TEN)***

**Public Hearing on the Application of State Aid Rules for Compensating the Provision of**

**Services of General Economic Interest**

**Wednesday, 10 May 2017 − 9.30 a.m.**

European Economic and Social Committee - 2 rue Van Maerlant - 1040 Brussels, room VMA 3

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**Programme**

**9– 9.30 a.m. Registration of participants and coffee**

* *Chair and moderator:* ***Milena Angelova****, EESC rapporteur of the preliminary draft opinion on the "Application of the Decision on public compensation for the provision of services of general economic interest"*

**9.30–9.45 a.m. Welcome address and introductions**

* *Welcome Address****: Pierre Jean Coulon,*** *President of the Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society, EESC*
* *Keynote Speech****: Jean-Paul Denanot,*** *MEP, Co-President of Intergroup "Common Goods and Public Services", European Parliament*

**9.45–10 a.m. Presentation of the study** on the "Review of Member States' reports on the implementation of the European Commission Decision on the provision of State aid to the provision of services of general economic interest":

* ***Angelina Todorova****,**Project Manager, ESTAT Agency*

**10−10.10 a.m. Presentation of the preliminary draft opinion** on "Application of the Decision on public compensation for the provision of SGEI (2012/21/UE)":

* ***Milena Angelova****, EESC rapporteur*

**10.10–10.30 a.m. Questions and answers**

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| **10.30 a.m.–**  **12.15 p.m.** | **Panel discussion:** Challenges and opportunities arising from the current State aid rules for SGEI; need for more clarity of State aid rules and better involvement of all impacted authorities |

* ***Monique Negenman****, Head of unit,**Directorate-General for Competition,**Unit F3 State Aid- Postal Health and other services,**European Commission*
* ***Juan Pedro Marín Arrese,*** *Chair of the CEEP Internal Market Task Force*
* ***Markus Töns,*** *Representative of Committee of the Regions (DE/PES), Member of the North Rhine-Westphalia Regional Parliament, Rapporteur of the opinion State Aid and Services of General Economic Interest*
* ***Laurent Ghekiere****, Chair of the European Observatory of social housing, Housing Europe*
* ***Tanja Struve****, Head of the European office of the German County Association*

**12.15–12.50 p.m. Open debate followed by questions and answers**

**12.50–1 p.m. Closing remarks**

* ***Michael Smyth,*** *Vice-President of the EESC in charge of Budget*

**1 p.m. End of hearing**

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