



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels,  
C(2006)

**Subject: State aid N 492/2006 – Austria  
Regional aid map 2007-2013**

Sir,

**1. PROCEDURE**

1. On 21 December 2005, the Commission adopted the ‘Guidelines on National Regional Aid for 2007-2013<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter “RAG”). In accordance with paragraph 100 of the RAG each Member State should notify to the Commission following the procedure of Article 88(3) of the Treaty, a single regional aid map covering its entire national territory which will apply for the period 2007-2013. In accordance with paragraph 101, the approved regional aid map is to be published in the Official Journal of the European Union, and will be considered an integral part of the RAG.
2. By e-mail dated 20 July 2006, registered at the Commission on the same day (A/35903) Austria notified its regional aid map for the period 1.1.2007 – 31.12.2013 (hereafter: the map).
3. On 22 August 2006 a meeting between Austria and Commission took place. By E-mail dated 25 August 2006, registered at the Commission on the same day (A/36698) Austria formally asked the Commission to temporarily suspend the procedure until it made changes to the notified map. The Commission therefore suspended the preliminary investigation procedure by letter dated 29.08.2006 (D/57403). Austria notified the change to the map by E-mail dated 25 October 2006, registered at the Commission on the same day (A/38506).

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 54, 4.3.2006, p. 13

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## 2. DESCRIPTION

4. Pursuant to Annex V of the RAG, the total population coverage of assisted regions in Austria for the period 2007 to 2013 is 22.5% of which 3.4% is dedicated to the statistical effect region of the Burgenland proposed under the derogation of Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty and 19.1% to regions proposed under the derogation of Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty. Compared to the total population coverage for the period 2000 to 2006 of 27.5% this leads to a reduction by 5 percentage points.
5. Austria proposes that 11 zones situated in 18 NUTS III regions should be eligible for regional investment aid. Of these:
  - 10 NUTS-III regions are bordering a region proposed under the derogation of 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty. These regions are among the most economically deprived ones in Austria with a GDP barely reaching 70% of the national average.
  - 8 NUTS-III regions are proposed because of their low levels of GDP which reaches at the most 75% of the national average.
6. Austria has tried to design the new map very much in continuity with the map for 2000 to 2006. The Austrian population in NUTS III regions which would potentially be eligible for national regional aid under the derogation of 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty is however substantially bigger than the amount actually eligible under Annex V of the RAG. The map therefore attempts to balance the overall need for reduction with the specific needs of deprived regions. It reflects the Austrian attempt to ensure continuity, a regional focus in line with the relevant structural fund programmes for Austria, a support of necessary structural changes in view of regional development potentials, the attempt to minimize the differences in aid intensities to the bordering new Member States as well as a number of quantitative economic indicators defined by Austria.

### 2.1. Proposed regions and aid intensities

7. The proposed aid ceilings are those for investments by large enterprises. For medium-sized enterprises<sup>2</sup> these aid ceilings can be increased<sup>3</sup> by 10 percentage points and for small enterprises<sup>4</sup> by 20 percentage points.

#### 2.1.1. 87(3)(a) regions: Statistical effect regions

8. The following NUTS-II region, with the indicated population coverage is proposed for eligibility under the derogation of Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty until 31 December 2010 ("statistical effect regions") with an aid ceiling of 30% GGE:

NUTS Code	Name	Population
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<sup>2</sup> As defined in the Annex of Commission Regulation (EC) No 364/2004 of 25 February 2004 amending Regulation (EC) 70/2001, OJ L 63, 28.2.2004, p. 22, or any successor regulation.

<sup>3</sup> Except for aid awarded in the transport sector and aid for large investment projects.

<sup>4</sup> See footnote 5.

AT11	Burgenland	278.215
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### 2.1.2. 87(3)(c) regions: designate at NUTS III level or below

9. The Austrian authorities propose a series of other regions for eligibility for aid under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC-Treaty on the basis that they meet the conditions of at least one of the sub-paragraphs (c), (d) or (g) of paragraph 30 of the RAG:

#### 2.1.2.1. 87(3)(c) regions: designated at NUTS-III level with an aid intensity of 15%

10. The following entire NUTS-III region is proposed for coverage in the regional aid map pursuant to the derogation under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013 in application of paragraph 30(d) of the RAG. The table below provides the zone number, the NUTS-III region, the GDP and the unemployment figures at the level of the NUTS-III, the population coverage and the aid intensity.

NUTS III	Name	Population	GDP <sup>5</sup> in %	Unemployment rate in % <sup>6</sup>		Aid ceiling <sup>7</sup>
				EU25=100	MS=100	
AT321	Lungau	21.261	89,2	35,2	79,8	15

#### 2.1.2.2. 87(3)(c) regions: designated below NUTS-III with an aid intensity of 15%<sup>8</sup>

11. The following zones, belonging to the indicated NUTS-III regions, are proposed for coverage in the regional aid map pursuant to the derogation under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013 in application of paragraph 30(c) of the RAG. The table below provides the zone numbers, the NUTS-III region(s) to which they belong, the GDP and the unemployment figures at the level of the NUTS-III, the population coverage and the aid intensities.

<sup>5</sup> Expressed as PPS EU-25 = 100.

<sup>6</sup> Expressed as average of 2001 – 2003.

<sup>7</sup> Expressed as % GGE as of 1.1.2007.

<sup>8</sup> Deviating from the general aid intensity of 15% AT124 *Waldviertel* and AT125 *Weinviertel* have a proposed aid intensity of 20 % for the period 2007 - 2013. AT proposes an intensity of 16 % for AT313 *Mühlviertel* for the period 2007 – 2010.

NUTS III	Name	Population	GDP <sup>9</sup> in %	Unemploy- mentrate in % <sup>10</sup>		Aid ceiling <sup>11</sup>
				EU25=100	MS=100	
AT212	Part of Oberkärnten	100.637	80,4	37,8	85,9	15
AT333	Osttirol		85,8	44,6	101,3	15
AT213	Part of Unterkärnten	121.635	76,8	33,4	75,9	15
AT 212	Oberkärnten: bordering communes Feldkirchen and Glanegg		80,4	33,4	85,9	15
AT121	Part of Mostviertel-Eisenwurzens	201.802	88,2	30,7	69,8	15
AT122	Part of Niederösterreich-Süd		91,7	74,5	107,9	15
AT124	Part of Waldviertel	163.497	82,4	43,5	98,9	20
AT126	Wiener Umland Nordteil, bordering commune of Grafenwörth		95,1	32,2	73,1	15
AT125	Part of Weinviertel	141.845	64,7	38,6	87,7	20
AT126	Wiener Umland – Nordteil (eastern borderstripe except Grafenwörth)		95,1	32,2	73,1	15
AT127	Part of Wiener Umland – Südteil		134,6	34,7	77,8	15
AT311	Western part of Innviertel	100.766	85,9	32,9	74,5	15
AT313 <sup>12</sup>	Part of Mühlviertel	150.139	68,2	26,6	60,5	2007 – 2010 16
AT311	Innviertl(the bordering communes Engelhartzell, Kopfing im Innkreis, St. Aegidi, St. Roman und Waldkirchen am Wesen)		85,9	32,9	74,5	2011 – 2013 15
AT222	Part of Liezen	259.183	94,3	47,2	107,5	15
AT223	Part of eastern Obersteiermark		91,6	44,9	101,9	15
AT226	Part of western Obersteiermark		94,9	43,8	99,6	15

<sup>9</sup> Expressed as PPS EU-25 = 100.

<sup>10</sup> Expressed as average of 2001 – 2003.

<sup>11</sup> Expressed as % GGE as of 1.1.2007.

<sup>12</sup> AT 313 *Mühlviertel* has a proposed aid intensity of 16 % for 2007 – 2010. AT 313 borders the Czech Article 87(3)(a) region of *Jihozapad* (CZ03). The Czech authorities made use of the transitional arrangement under paragraph 92 of the RAG, which allows having an aid intensity of 36% for the region *Jihozapad* (CZ03) from 1.1.2007 - 31.12.2010. Afterwards the aid intensity will be reduced to 30%. The Austrian authorities notified their intention to increase the aid intensity to 16% for the time period from 1.1.2007-31.12.2010 according to footnote 45 of the RAG in order to limit the aid differential to 20 percentage points.

12. The following zones, belonging to the indicated NUTS-III regions, are proposed for coverage in the regional aid map pursuant to the derogation under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013 on the basis that they are adjacent to regions which are eligible for support under Article 87(3)(a) of the Treaty. The table below provides the zone numbers, the NUTS-III regions to which they belong, the GDP and the unemployment figures at the level of the NUTS-III, the population coverage and the aid intensities.

NUTS III	Name	Population	GDP <sup>13</sup> in %	Unemployment rate in % <sup>14</sup>		Aid ceiling <sup>15</sup>
				EU25=100	MS=100	
AT211	Part of Klagenfurth-Villach	30,292	127,8	33,7	76,6	15
AT224	Part of Oststeiermark	148.531	81,5	40,1	91,0	15
AT225	Part of West- und Südsteiermark	128.153	78,8	44,2	100,4	15

### 3. ASSESSMENT

#### 3.1. General considerations

13. In accordance with Annex V of the RAG, 1 NUTS-II region of Austria is eligible for regional aid under the derogation of Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty for the period 2007-2010: AT11 Burgenland. The region makes up 3.4% of the population of Austria. In addition, Austria has the possibility to designate a further 19.1% of its population to be eligible for regional aid under the derogation set out in Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty.

#### 3.2. 87(3)(a) regions: Statistical effect regions

14. Paragraph 18 of the RAG defines “statistical effect” regions as regions at NUTS II level which have a GDP per capita of more than 75% of the EU-25 average, but less than 75% of the EU-15 average<sup>16</sup>. In Austria, 1 NUTS II region is concerned, as shown by its respective GDP per capita:

– AT11 Burgenland 81,5%<sup>17</sup>

15. Paragraph 19 of the RAG provides that such regions will continue to remain eligible for the derogation in Article 87(3)(a) on a transitional basis until 31 December 2010.

<sup>13</sup> Expressed as PPS EU-25 = 100.

<sup>14</sup> Expressed as average of 2001 – 2003.

<sup>15</sup> Expressed as % GGE as of 1.1.2007.

<sup>16</sup> 75% of the average EU-15 GDP per capita corresponds for the years 2000-2002 to 82,2% of the average EU-25 GDP per capita.

<sup>17</sup> Gross Domestic Product expressed in Purchasing Power Standards per capita for the years 2001 – 2003 (EU-25 = 100).

16. Paragraph 20 of the RAG foresees that the Commission will in 2010 review the position of these regions on the basis of the three-year average of the most recent GDP data available from Eurostat. If the GDP has declined below 75% of the EU-25 average, the region will continue to be eligible for the derogation under Article 87(3)(a). Otherwise they will become eligible for aid under the derogation of Article 87(3)(c) from 1.1.2011 until 31.12.2013.
17. In accordance with paragraph 44 of the RAG the intensity of regional aid must not exceed 30% for statistical effect regions until 1.1.2011 and paragraph 46 of the RAG provides that the statistical effect regions which fall under the derogation under Article 87(3)(c) from 1.1.2011 will be eligible for an aid ceiling of 20%.
18. The designation of this statistical effect region and the proposed aid intensities are in line with the provisions of the RAG.

### **3.3. 87(3)(c) regions**

#### **3.3.1. General considerations**

19. The RAG allow Austria to designate 19.1% of its population as eligible for regional aid in accordance with the derogation under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty. Austria proposes a population coverage of 1,567,741. Based on 2005 figures, this represents 19.10% of 8,206,524 and thus respects the threshold.
20. An examination of the Austrian regional aid map shows that there is a strong concentration on the regions most in need, as illustrated in the following table.

<b>Types of region proposed</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Percentage of coverage</b>
Regions with below average GDP or more than 115% of national unemployment [RAG § 30(c) and (d)]	1,260,765	80.42%
Regions bordering regions eligible under Art 87(3)(a) (RAG § 30(g))	306,976	19.58%
Total	1,567,741	100%

21. Furthermore, there is a very strong degree of continuity between the Austrian regional aid map for 2000-2006 and the notified map for 2007-2013. In fact, only about 5% of the population living in the regions eligible under Article 87 (3)(c) of the EC Treaty proposed by Austria was not already eligible for coverage during the period 2000-2006.
22. The RAG 2007-2013 expressly allow Member States a large degree of flexibility to identify their regional development needs, subject to respect of the general principles set out in the guidelines, that the aid should focus on the regions most in need, and to respect of the specific conditions of eligibility therein. The Commission considers that the application of an agreed objective model at national level to identify the regions concerned is a positive aspect which facilitates its overall assessment. Nevertheless, it remains necessary to verify that

the individual regions proposed for coverage and the aid intensities proposed meet the conditions of the RAG.

### **3.3.2. Regions designated under paragraph 30 (c) of the RAG**

23. According to paragraph 30 (c) of the RAG, Member States can propose regions which form contiguous zones with a minimum population of at least 100 000 and which are located within either NUTS II or NUTS III regions which have either a GDP per capita<sup>18</sup> of less than the EU-25 average, or which have an unemployment rate which is higher than 115% of the national average (both calculated on the average of the most recent 3 years of Eurostat data).
24. The Austrian authorities notify a total of 8 contiguous zones to be eligible for regional aid under this paragraph with a basic aid intensity of 15%.
25. Austria proposes however a basic aid intensity of 20% for AT124 *Waldviertel* and AT125 *Weinviertel*. This increased aid intensity of 20% is proposed in line with footnote 45 of the RAG, which states that a higher aid intensity may be permitted in the case of a NUTS-III region, or smaller, adjacent to an Article 87(3)(a) region if this is necessary to ensure that the differential between the two regions does not exceed 20 percentage points. AT124 and AT125 are bordering the Czech Article 87(3)(a) region of Jihovychod which has an aid intensity of 40%<sup>19</sup>. Accordingly, the proposed aid intensity of 20% is in line with the RAG.
26. All of the zones proposed under paragraph 30 (c) of the RAG have a population exceeding 100.000 and are situated in NUTS-III regions which have either a GDP below the Community average, or an unemployment rate in excess of 115% of the national average, or in some instances both, as summarised in the first table in point 2.1.2.2 above. Furthermore, none of the NUTS-III regions concerned have both a GDP above the Community average and unemployment below the Community average. Accordingly, the proposed aid intensity of 15% is in line with the RAG. Furthermore, all the areas proposed form contiguous zones. All the criteria of paragraph 30(c) of the RAG are thus fulfilled.

### **3.3.3. Regions designated under paragraph 30 (d) of the RAG**

27. According to paragraph 30 (d) of the RAG, Member States can propose NUTS III regions with less than 100.000 population which have either a GDP per capita of less than the EU-25 average, or which have an unemployment rate which is higher than 115% of the national average (both calculated on the average of the most recent 3 years of Eurostat data). The Austrian authorities notified one region with an aid intensity of 15% according to paragraph 30 (d) of the RAG:
  - The NUTS-III region AT321 Lungau with 21,261 inhabitants and a GDP/capita of 89.2 %.
28. As shown by the population- and GDP/capita figures the proposed NUTS-III region fulfils the criteria as indicated in paragraph 30 (d) of the RAG.

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<sup>18</sup> Gross Domestic Product expressed in Purchasing Power Standards per capita for the years 2001 – 2003 (EU-25 = 100).

<sup>19</sup> State aid N 510/2006 - Czech Republic Regional aid map 2007-2013

Furthermore, the notified aid intensity of 15% is in line with the RAG. All the criteria of paragraph 30(d) of the RAG are thus fulfilled.

### **3.3.4. Regions designated under paragraph 30 (g) of the RAG**

29. According to paragraph 30 (g) of the RAG, NUTS III regions or parts thereof adjacent to a region which is eligible for support under Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty can be designated for support under Article 87(3)(c) EC of the EC Treaty.
30. The Austrian authorities notified 3 zones, which are all bordering Slovenia, at a basic aid intensity of 15%. Slovenia<sup>20</sup> is entirely eligible under Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty with an aid intensity of 30%.
  - Parts of the NUTS-III region Klagenfurth-Villach (AT211) with a GDP/capita of 127.8%.
  - Parts of the NUTS-III region Oststeiermark (AT224) with a GDP/capita of 81.5%.
  - Parts of the NUTS-III region Süd- und Weststeiermark (AT225) with a GDP/capita of 78.8%.
31. All the areas designated under paragraph 30 (g) of the RAG are indeed bordering Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty regions. As shown by the GDP/capita and unemployment figures in the second table in point 2.1.2.2 above, the proposed aid intensity of 15% is in line with the RAG. All the criteria of paragraph 30(g) of the RAG are thus fulfilled.

## **Conclusion**

### **3.4. General provisions of the map**

32. In accordance with paragraph 49 of the RAG except for aid awarded in the transport sector, all the preceding maximum aid intensities can be increased by 10% GGE for medium sized enterprises and 20% GGE for small enterprises. However, in accordance with paragraph 67 of the RAG no SME bonuses are allowed for investment projects with eligible expenditure exceeding EUR 50 million.
33. Following the assessment above, the maximum aid intensities for regional investment aid notified by Austria for the period 2007-2013 are in line with the maximum aid intensities allowed for under the RAG.
34. The Commission recalls that in accordance with paragraph 8 of the RAG, these maximum aid intensities apply to the processing and marketing of agricultural products only to the extent laid down in the Community guidelines for State aid in the agriculture sector<sup>21</sup>, or any replacement guidelines.
35. The Commission takes note of the following commitments given by the Austrian authorities in the notification:

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<sup>20</sup> State aid N 434/2006 - Slovenia Regional state aid map 2007-2013

<sup>21</sup> OJ C 28 of 1.2.2000, p.2. Corrigendum OJ C 232, 12.8.2000 p. 17.



- (a) The Austrian authorities confirmed that only the regions identified in the regional aid map published by the Commission pursuant to this notification will be eligible for regional investment aid in accordance with the RAG, or any state aid block exemption regulation relevant for regional aid.
- (b) The Austrian authorities confirmed that only small enterprises with their economic activity in the regions identified in the regional aid map published by the Commission pursuant to this notification will be eligible for aid for newly created small enterprises as provided for in section 6 (paragraphs 84-91) of the RAG.
- (c) The Austrian authorities confirmed that all plans to grant regional aid will be notified to the Commission in accordance with Article 88(3) of the Treaty, either as an aid scheme, or as an individual notification unless a State aid exemption regulation applies.
- (d) The Austrian authorities confirmed that all regional investment aid will respect the ceilings defined in the region concerned in the regional aid map published by the Commission pursuant to this notification.
- (e) The Austrian authorities confirmed that for large investment projects the upper ceilings defined in respect of the region concerned in the regional aid map published by the Commission pursuant to this notification will be adjusted according to the formula in paragraph 67 of the RAG.
- (f) The Austrian authorities confirmed that all large investment projects for which the amount of aid proposed is more than the maximum allowable amount of aid an investment with eligible expenditure of EUR 100 million can receive under the scale laid down in paragraph 67 of the RAG, will be notified individually to the Commission.

### **3.5. Appropriate measures**

- 36. By letter of 6 March 2006, reference D/(06)218, the Commission proposed appropriate measures to the Austrian authorities by which, *inter alia*, the application of their existing regional aid schemes is limited until 31 December 2006. The Austrian authorities accepted these appropriate measures unconditionally by letter of 18 April 2006, registered at the Commission on 20 April 2006 (A/33006).

## **4. DECISION**

- 37. The Commission has accordingly decided:

- to consider the Austrian regional aid map for 2007-2013 as set out in the Annex to be compatible with the EC Treaty as it fulfils the conditions as stipulated in the Guidelines on national regional aid for 2007-2013. This map is valid from 1 January 2007 until 31 December 2013.
- to review in 2010 the position of the statistical effect region of AT11 Burgenland in accordance with the conditions set out in paragraph 20 of the regional aid guidelines.

- to publish the map as presented in the Annex to this decision in the Official Journal of the European Union. The full text of this letter in the authentic language will be published on the Internet site:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/community\\_law/state\\_aids/index.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/state_aids/index.htm)

Any request concerning this letter should be sent by registered letter or fax to:

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Yours faithfully,  
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**Annex to the decision on case N 492/2006**

**Guidelines on National Regional aid for 2007-2013**

*(OJ C 54, 4.3.2006, p. 13)*

**N492/2006 – AUSTRIA - National regional state aid map 1.1.2007-31.12.2013**

(Approved by the Commission on ...)

NUTS II - III	Name	Ceiling for regional investment aid <sup>1</sup> (applicable to large enterprises)	
<b>1. Regions eligible for aid under Article 87(3) (a) of the EC Treaty until 31.12.2010<sup>2</sup> (Statistical effect regions)</b>			
		<b>1.1.2007-31.12.2010</b>	<b>1.1.2011-31.12.2013</b>
AT11	Burgenland	30%	20%
<b>2. Regions eligible for aid under Article 87(3) (c) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013</b>			
AT12	Niederösterreich		
AT121	<b>Mostviertel-Eisenwurzen</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>	
<p><b>Pol. Bez. Waidhofen an der Ybbs (Stadt):</b> Waidhofen an der Ybbs.  <b>Pol. Bez. Amstetten:</b> Kematen an der Ybbs, St. Peter in der Au, Seitenstetten, Sonntagberg, Ybbsitz.  <b>Pol. Bez. Scheibbs:</b> Gaming, Göstling an der Ybbs, Gresten, Gresten-Land, Lunz am See, Puchenstuben, Randegg, Scheibbs.</p>			
AT122	<b>Niederösterreich-Süd</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>	
<p><b>Pol. Bez. Wiener Neustadt (Stadt):</b> Wiener Neustadt.  <b>Pol. Bez. Baden:</b> Berndorf, Enzesfeld-Lindabrunn, Hirtenberg, Pottenstein, Weissenbach an der Triesting.  <b>Pol. Bez. Lilienfeld:</b> Annaberg, Lilienfeld, Mitterbach am Erlaufsee, St. Aegydt am Neuwalde, Traisen, Türnitz.  <b>Pol. Bez. Neunkirchen:</b> Aspang-Markt, Aspangberg-St. Peter, Breitenau, Breitenstein, Buchbach, Gloggnitz, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Mönichkirchen, Natschbach-Loipersbach, Neunkirchen, Otterthal, Payerbach, Priggwitz, Puchberg am Schneeberg, Raach am Hochgebirge, Reichenau an der Rax, St. Corona am Wechsel, Schottwien, Schwarza am Steinfeld, Schwarza im Gebirge, Semmering, Ternitz, Thomasberg, Trattenbach, Bürg-Vöstenhof, Wimpassing im Schwarzatale.  <b>Pol. Bez. Wiener Neustadt (Land):</b> Bad Fischau-Brunn, Erlach, Markt Piesting, Matzendorf-Hölles, Pernitz, Waidmannsfeld, Waldegg, Weikersdorf am Steinfelde, Wöllersdorf-Steinabrückl.</p>			
AT124	<b>Waldviertel</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>20%</b>	

<sup>1</sup> For investment projects with eligible expenditure not exceeding EUR 50 million, this ceiling is increased by 10 percentage points for medium sized companies and 20 percentage points for small companies as defined in the Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36). For large investment projects with eligible expenditure exceeding EUR 50 million, this ceiling is subject to adjustment in accordance with paragraph 67 of the Guidelines on national regional aid for 2007-2013.

<sup>2</sup> This region might remain eligible under Article 87(3)(a), in which case the ceiling for the period 1.1.2011-31.12.2013 will be increased to 30%, if a review to be undertaken in 2010 shows that the GDP per capita of the region concerned has fallen below 75% of the EU-25 average.

<b>Pol. Bez. Krems an der Donau (Stadt):</b> Krems an der Donau.		
<b>Pol. Bez. Gmünd:</b> Amaliendorf-Aalfang, Brand-Nagelberg, Eggern, Eisgarn, Gmünd, Großdietmanns, Bad Großpertholz, Großschönau, Moorbad Harbach, Haugschlag, Heidenreichstein, Hirschbach, Hoheneich, Kirchberg am Walde, Litschau, Reingers, St. Martin, Schrems, Unserfrau-Altweitra, Waldenstein, Weitra.		
<b>Pol. Bez. Horn:</b> Drosendorf-Zissersdorf, Eggenburg, Gars am Kamp, Geras, Horn, Langau, Meiseldorf, Pernegg, Röschitz, Rosenberg-Mold, Sigmundsherberg, Weitersfeld.		
<b>Pol. Bez. Krems (Land):</b> Grafenegg, Gedersdorf, Langenlois, Lengenfeld, Rastendorf, Rohrendorf bei Krems, Schönberg am Kamp.		
<b>Pol. Bez. Waidhofen an der Thaya:</b> Dietmanns, Dobersberg, Gastern, Groß-Siegharts, Karlstein an der Thaya, Kautzen, Pfaffenschlag bei Waidhofen a.d.Thaya, Raabs an der Thaya, Thaya, Vitis, Waidhofen an der Thaya, Waidhofen an der Thaya-Land, Waldkirchen an der Thaya, Windigsteig.		
<b>Pol. Bez. Zwettl:</b> Echtsenbach, Grafenschlag, Groß Gerungs, Großgöttfritz, Langschlag, Ottenschlag, Schwarzenau, Schweiggers, Traunstein, Waldhausen, Zwettl-Niederösterreich.		
<b>AT125</b>	<b>Weinviertel</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>20%</b>
<b>Pol. Bez. Gänserndorf:</b> Drösing, Dürnkrot, Hauskirchen, Hohenau an der March, Jedenspeigen, Neusiedl an der Zaya, Palterndorf-Dobermannsdorf, Ringelsdorf-Niederabsdorf, Sulz im Weinviertel, Zistersdorf.		
<b>Pol. Bez. Hollabrunn:</b> Alberndorf im Pulkautal, Grabern, Guntersdorf, Hadres, Hardegg, Haugsdorf, Hollabrunn, Mailberg, Nappersdorf-Kammersdorf, Pernersdorf, Pulkau, Retz, Retzbach, Schrattenthal, Seefeld-Kadolz, Wullersdorf, Zellerndorf, Ziersdorf.		
<b>Pol. Bez. Mistelbach:</b> Altlichtenwarth, Bernhardsthal, Drasenhofen, Falkenstein, Fallbach, Gaubitsch, Großharras, Großkrut, Hausbrunn, Herrnbaumgarten, Laa an der Thaya, Mistelbach, Neudorf bei Staatz, Poysdorf, Rabensburg, Schrattenberg, Staatz, Stronsdorf, Unterstinkenbrunn, Wildendürnbach, Wilfersdorf, Ottenthal.		
<b>AT126</b>	<b>Wiener Umland/Nordteil</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>
<b>Pol. Bez. Gänserndorf:</b> Angern an der March, Ebenthal, Engelhartstetten, Gänserndorf, Marchegg, Markgrafneusiedl, Strasshof an der Nordbahn, Velm-Götzendorf, Weikendorf, Weiden an der March.		
<b>Pol. Bez. Tulln:</b> Grafenwörth.		
<b>AT127</b>	<b>Wiener Umland/Südteil</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>
<b>Pol. Bez. Bruck an der Leitha:</b> Bad Deutsch-Altenburg, Berg, Hainburg a.d.Donau, Petronell-Carnuntum, Wolfsthal.		
<b>AT21</b>	<b>Kärnten</b>	
<b>AT211</b>	<b>Klagenfurt-Villach</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>
<b>Pol. Bez. Klagenfurt Land:</b> Feistritz im Rosental, Ferlach, Zell.		
<b>Pol. Bez. Villach Land:</b> Arnoldstein, Finkenstein am Faaker See, St. Jakob im Rosental.		
<b>AT212</b>	<b>Oberkärnten</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>
<b>Pol. Bez. Hermagor:</b> Hermagor-Pressegger See.		
<b>Spittal an der Drau:</b> Flattach, Greifenburg, Lendorf, Millstatt, Radenthein, Rangersdorf, Sachsenburg, Spittal an der Drau, Stall, Steinfeld, Weißensee, Winklern, Lurnfeld.		
<b>Feldkirchen:</b> Feldkirchen in Kärnten, Glanegg.		
<b>AT213</b>	<b>Unterkärnten</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>
<b>Pol. Bez. St. Veit an der Glan:</b> Althofen, Brückl, Friesach, Guttaring, Klein St. Paul, Liebenfels, St. Georgen am Längsee, St. Veit an der Glan.		
<b>Pol. Bez. Völkermarkt:</b> Eberndorf, Eisenkappel-Vellach, Feistritz ob Bleiburg, Griffen, Sittersdorf, Völkermarkt.		
<b>Pol. Bez. Wolfsberg:</b> Bad St. Leonhard im Lavanttal, St. Andrä, Wolfsberg.		
<b>AT22</b>	<b>Steiermark</b>	
<b>AT222</b>	<b>Liezen</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>
<b>Pol. Bez. Liezen:</b> Admont, Altenmarkt bei St. Gallen, Gaishorn am See, Johnsbach, Liezen, Bad Mitterndorf, Pürgg-Trautenfels, Rottenmann, St. Gallen, Selzthal, Tauplitz, Trieben, Weißenbach an der Enns, Weißenbach bei Liezen, Weng im Gesäuse, Wörschach.		

<b>AT223</b>	<b>Östliche Obersteiermark</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>
<p><b>Pol. Bez. Bruck an der Mur:</b> Aflenz Kurort, Aflenz Land, Breitenau am Hochlantsch, Bruck an der Mur, Frauenberg, Gußwerk, Kapfenberg, Mariazell, Oberaich, Parschlug, St. Lorenzen im Mürztal, St. Marein im Mürztal, Thörl, Turnau.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Leoben:</b> Eisenerz, Gai, Hieflau, Kalwang, Kammern im Liesingtal, Kraubath an der Mur, Leoben, Mautern in Steiermark, Niklasdorf, Proleb, Radmer, St. Michael in Obersteiermark, St. Peter-Freienstein, St. Stefan ob Leoben, Traboch, Trofaiach.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Mürzzuschlag:</b> Kindberg, Krieglach, Langenwang, Mitterdorf im Mürztal, Mürzhofen, Mürzzuschlag, Veitsch, Wartberg im Mürztal.</p>		
<b>AT224</b>	<b>Oststeiermark</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>
<p><b>Pol. Bez. Feldbach:</b> Bad Gleichenberg, Bairisch Kölldorf, Fehring, Feldbach, Frutten-Gießelsdorf, Glojach, Hohenbrugg-Weinberg, Jagerberg, Johnsdorf-Brunn, Kapfenstein, Lödersdorf, Pertlstein, Raabau, St. Anna am Aigen, Schwarzau im Schwarzautal, Unterlamm.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Fürstenfeld:</b> Altenmarkt bei Fürstenfeld, Bad Blumau, Burgau, Fürstenfeld, Großwilfersdorf, Hainersdorf, Ilz, Loipersdorf bei Fürstenfeld, Söchau, Stein, Übersbach.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Hartberg:</b> Buch-Geiseldorf, Dienersdorf, Ebersdorf, Grafendorf bei Hartberg, Greinbach, Großhart, Hartberg, Hartberg Umgebung, Hartl, Hofkirchen bei Hartberg, Kaendorf, Eichberg, Neudau, Pöllau, Rohrbach an der Lafnitz, Schönegg bei Pöllau, Sebersdorf, Stubenberg, Tiefenbach bei Kaendorf, Bad Waltersdorf.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Radkersburg:</b> Deutsch Goritz, Eichfeld, Gosdorf, Halbenrain, Klösch, Mettersdorf am Saßbach, Mureck, Murfeld, Bad Radkersburg, Radkersburg Umgebung, Ratschendorf, Tieschen, Weinburg am Saßbach.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Weiz:</b> Albersdorf-Prebuch, Anger, Baierdorf bei Anger, Birkfeld, Etzersdorf-Rollsdorf, Feistritz bei Anger, Floing, Gasen, Gleisdorf, Hirnsdorf, Hofstätten an der Raab, Ilztal, Koglhof, Krottendorf, Kulm bei Weiz, Naintsch, Nitscha, Oberrettenbach, Pischelsdorf in der Steiermark, Preßguts, Puch bei Weiz, Reichendorf, St. Kathrein am Offenegg, St. Margarethen an der Raab, St. Ruprecht an der Raab, Sinabelkirchen, Thannhausen, Unterfladnitz, Weiz.</p>		
<b>AT225</b>	<b>West- und Südsteiermark</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>
<p><b>Pol. Bez. Deutschlandsberg:</b> Deutschlandsberg, Eibiswald, Frauental an der Laßnitz, Georgsberg, Groß St. Florian, Großradl, Gundersdorf, Hollenegg, Lannach, Limberg bei Wies, Pitschgau, Pöfling-Brunn, Preding, Rassach, St. Josef (Weststeiermark), St. Martin im Sulmtal, St. Peter im Sulmtal, St. Stefan ob Stainz, Schwanberg, Stainz, Staintal, Stallhof, Sulmeck-Greith, Unterbergla, Wernersdorf, Wettmannstätten, Wies.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Leibnitz:</b> Ehrenhausen, Gabersdorf, Hengsberg, Kaendorf an der Sulm, Lang, Lebring-St. Margarethen, Leibnitz, Oberhaag, Obervogau, Retznei, Tillmitsch, Vogau, Wagner, Weitendorf, Wildon.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Voitsberg:</b> Bärnbach, Köflach, Krottendorf-Gaisfeld, Ligist, Mooskirchen, Rosental an der Kainach, St. Johann-Köppling, St. Martin am Wöllmißberg, Söding, Stallhofen, Voitsberg.</p>		
<b>AT226</b>	<b>Westliche Obersteiermark</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>
<p><b>Pol. Bez. Judenburg:</b> Fohnsdorf, Judenburg, Maria Buch-Feistritz, Obdach, Oberweg, Pöls, Reifling, Weißkirchen in Steiermark, Zeltweg.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Knittelfeld:</b> Apfelberg, Feistritz bei Knittelfeld, Großlobming, Kleinlobming, Knittelfeld, Kobenz, St. Lorenzen bei Knittelfeld, St. Marein bei Knittelfeld, Spielberg bei Knittelfeld.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Murau:</b> Laßnitz bei Murau, Murau, Neumarkt in Steiermark, Perchau am Sattel, St. Georgen ob Murau, St. Lambrecht, St. Lorenzen bei Scheifling, St. Marein bei Neumarkt, Scheifling, Stadl an der Mur, Teufenbach, Zeutschach.</p>		
<b>AT31</b>	<b>Oberösterreich</b>	
<b>AT311</b>	<b>Innviertel</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>15%</b>
<p><b>Pol. Bez. Braunau am Inn:</b> Altheim, Aspach, Braunau am Inn, Burgkirchen, Eggelsberg, Geretsberg, Gilgenberg am Weillhart, Handenberg, Helpfau-Uttendorf, Hochburg-Ach, Höhhart, Jeging, Lengau, Lochen, Maria Schmoln, Mattighofen, Mauerkirchen, Mining, Moosbach, Moosdorf, Munderfing, Neukirchen an der Enknach, Ostermiething, Pfaffstätt, Polling im Innkreis, Roßbach, St. Georgen am Fillmannsbach, St. Johann am Walde, St. Peter am Hart, St. Radegund, St. Veit im Innkreis, Schalchen, Schwand im Innkreis, Tarsdorf, Treubach, Überackern, Weng im Innkreis.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Ried im Innkreis:</b> Antiesenhofen, Geinberg, Gurten, Kirchdorf am Inn, Lambrechten, Mörschwang, Mühlheim am Inn, Obernberg am Inn, Ort im Innkreis, Reichersberg, St. Georgen bei Obernberg am Inn, St. Martin im Innkreis, Senftenbach, Utzenaich, Weilbach.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Schärding:</b> Engelhartzell, Kopfung im Innkreis, St. Aegidi, St. Roman, Waldkirchen am Wesen.</p>		

<b>AT313</b>	<b>Mühlviertel</b> (Partly, only the following communes)	<b>16%<sup>3</sup> /15%<sup>4</sup></b>
<p><b>Pol. Bez. Freistadt:</b> Freistadt, Grünbach, Gutau, Hagenberg im Mühlkreis, Hirschbach im Mühlkreis, Kaltenberg, Kefermarkt, Königswiesen, Lasberg, Leopoldschlag, Liebenau, Neumarkt im Mühlkreis, Pierbach, Rainbach im Mühlkreis, Sandl, St. Leonhard bei Freistadt, St. Oswald bei Freistadt, Schönau im Mühlkreis, Tragwein, Unterweißenbach, Waldburg, Weitersfelden, Windhaag bei Freistadt, Bad Zell.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Perg:</b> Dimbach, Grein, Klam, Bad Kreuzen, Pabneukirchen, St. Georgen am Walde, St. Nikola an der Donau, St. Thomas am Blasenstein, Waldhausen im Strudengau.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Rohrbach:</b> Afiesl, Ahorn, Aigen im Mühlkreis, Altenfelden, Arnreit, Atzesberg, Auberg, Berg bei Rohrbach, Haslach an der Mühl, Helfenberg, Hörbich, Hofkirchen im Mühlkreis, Julbach, Kirchberg ob der Donau, Klaffer am Hochficht, Kleinzell im Mühlkreis, Kollerschlag, Lembach im Mühlkreis, Lichtenau im Mühlkreis, Nebelberg, Neufelden, Niederkappel, Niederwaldkirchen, Oberkappel, Oepping, Peilstein im Mühlviertel, Pfarrkirchen im Mühlkreis, Putzleinsdorf, Neustift im Mühlkreis, Rohrbach in Oberösterreich, St. Johann am Wimberg, St. Martin im Mühlkreis, St. Oswald bei Haslach, St. Peter am Wimberg, St. Stefan am Walde, St. Ulrich im Mühlkreis, St. Veit im Mühlkreis, Sarleinsbach, Schlägl, Schönegg, Schwarzenberg am Böhmerwald, Ulrichsberg.</p> <p><b>Pol. Bez. Urfahr-Umgebung:</b> Bad Leonfelden, Haibach im Mühlkreis, Oberneukirchen, Ottenschlag im Mühlkreis, Reichenau im Mühlkreis, Reichtenthal, Schenkenfelden, Vorderweißenbach.</p>		
<b>AT32</b>	<b>Salzburg</b>	
<b>AT321</b>	<b>Lungau</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>AT33</b>	<b>Tirol</b>	
<b>AT333</b>	<b>Osttirol</b>	<b>15%</b>

<sup>3</sup> For the period of 1.1.2007 - 31.12.2010.

<sup>4</sup> For the period of 1.1.2011 - 31.12.2013.