

Professional Certificate on European State Aid Law

The Professional Certificate on European (EU) State Aid Law is awarded by **Maastricht University** and **Lexxion Publisher** and is assessed on the basis of academic quality and competence. This is a flexible programme which you can customise to your own professional needs.

Why a Professional Certificate in EU State Aid Law?

An objective of the EU's 2020 policy is the encouragement of life-long learning as a means of continually adjusting and improving personal skills. EU law and policies evolve in response to changing market conditions, technologies and Member State needs. As the process towards life-long learning intensifies, so will be the need for public officials and other professionals to confirm that they acquire essential new knowledge and skills while they remain in employment.

To be awarded the Professional Certificate on European State Aid Law you need to successfully complete the following three modules within a two-year period. A two-year period starts from a date when the first course begins.

Module 1 (Foundation): Standard Course on the Concepts of State Aid

Our standard courses will give you a comprehensive overview of the essential State aid regulations and provide you with a practical 'toolbox' for assessment of State aid and design of public measures compatible with the internal market.

This course is eligible under Module 1:

07 – 09 September 2020

[Summer Course: State Aid – Concept, Principles, Exemptions & Guidelines | Athens Programme | Register here](#)

Module 2 (Expert): Master Class 'State Aid Uncovered'

The Master Class is intended for officials with previous experience in State aid. The aim of the Master Class is, first, to examine recent developments in the case law, presupposing that participants are already familiar with basic concepts, and, second, to identify solutions to problems brought by participants themselves.

These courses are eligible under Module 2:

15– 16 October 2020

[Online Master Class – "State Aid Uncovered" with Prof. Dr. Phedon Nicolaidis Programme | Register here](#)

07 – 08 December 2020

[Winter Master Class - "State Aid Uncovered" with Prof. Dr. Phedon Nicolaidis | Lisbon Programme | Register here](#)

Module 3 (Specialisation): One Specialist or Sectoral Seminar of Your Choice

The sectoral seminars focus on one of the following issues or areas: agriculture, transport, structural funds, financial instruments, environment and energy, services of general economic interest, fiscal aid and evaluation of State aid. Seminars on other specialist issues may also be organised depending on developments in the field.

These courses are eligible under Module 3:

02 – 03 September 2020 | [State Aid for Research, Development and Innovation Projects | Online Programme | Register here](#)

20 – 21 October 2020 | [State Aid Practice in ESIF Programme and Project Management | Vienna Programme | Register here](#)

Submission of a Thesis to Maastricht University

A thesis of 10,000 words must be submitted to Maastricht University. The topic will have to be approved by Professor Phedon Nicolaidis, who will also read and evaluate the thesis. Candidates will be encouraged to focus their theses on actual national issues, problems or challenges and propose possible solutions.

Fees:

1. The normal participation fee for each of the professional seminars by Lexxion (Modules 1-3)
2. An administrative fee of 1000,- EUR to cover the thesis supervision and assessment and documentation costs (excl. VAT)

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