

LEGAL ALERT

UPDATE OF THE REGIONAL STATE AID MAP OF PORTUGAL

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The European Commission under [Decision SA.106697](#), amending [Decision SA.100752](#), has increased the aid intensities for the geographical areas of the national territory that can benefit from public funding in the field of Regional Development, including under the [Just Transition Fund](#).

The Table below identifies and reflects the maximum rates of public funding, updated by the aforementioned Decision SA.106697, based on the geographic location area of investment in the national territory and size of the beneficiary (small, medium or large enterprise within the meaning of [Recommendation 2003/361/EC](#)).

Eligible areas in the national territory	Maximum Aid Intensity		
	Large enterprise	Medium enterprise	Small enterprise
Zone A			
North (PT11) (excluding Matosinhos), Centre (PT16) (excluding PT16J Beiras and Serra da Estrela and PT161 Médio Tejo) and Alentejo (PT18) (excluding PT186 Alto Alentejo and PT 181 Alentejo Litoral)	30%	40%	50%
Municipality of Matosinhos (PT1308), Médio Tejo (PT161), Alentejo Litoral (PT181), Beiras and Serra da Estrela (PT16J) and Alto Alentejo (PT186)	40%	50%	60%
Autonomous Region of Madeira (PT30)	40%	50%	60%
Autonomous Region of the Azores (PT20)	50%	60%	70%

Eligible areas in the national territory	Maximum Aid Intensity		
	Large enterprise	Medium enterprise	Small enterprise
Zone C			
Algarve (PT150) partially: São Brás de Alportel, Alferce, Boliqeime, Cachopo, Ferreiras, Loulé (São Clemente), Loulé (São Sebastião), Mexilhoeira Grande, Monchique, Paderne, Pechão, Quelfes, São Bartolomeu de Messines, São Marcos da Serra, União das freguesias de Algoz e Tunes, União das freguesias de Conceição and Estoi, Vaqueiros	15%	25%	35%
Metropolitan Area of Lisbon (PT170) partially: Alcochete, Gâmbia-Pontes-Alto da Guerra, Moita, Pinhal Novo, Quinta do Anjo, Sado, São Francisco, União das freguesias de Atalaia and Alto Estanqueiro-Jardia, União das freguesias de Gaio-Rosário e Sarilhos Pequenos, União das freguesias de Palhais e Coina, União das freguesias de Pegões, União das freguesias de Poceirão e Marateca)	15%	25%	35%

These maximum aid intensities apply to publicly funded investment projects approved under the [Guidelines on Regional Aid](#), as well as to regional investment and operating aid, granted under Articles 13 to 15 of the [General Block Exemption Regulation](#), and to aid intensity increases detailed in the Regulation for other types of investment depending on the geographic location of the investment (Zones “A” and “C” of the Portuguese territory).

The maximum funding rates that have been increased may be applied to State aid applications submitted by project promoters after the date of approval of the aforementioned Decision of 27 April 2023 by the European Commission.

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