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Subject: Extension of state aid temporary framework

The Commission has decided to expand the state aid temporary framework¹, extending all sections by six months until 30 June 2021, and the section enabling recapitalisation support by three months until 30 September 2021. It is understandable and perfectly right that it should want to allow Member States to take exceptional measures to safeguard the viability of businesses, jobs and the competitiveness of their economies. However, by its very nature, state aid has direct implications for the integrity of the internal market and the potential to distort competition.

Supporting the economic recovery calls for temporary and exceptional policies. However, transparent oversight and sufficient monitoring are prerequisites to ensure that national policies are geared towards the economic recovery and do not deviate from this objective. Similarly, it is essential to ensure coherence with the Recovery and Resilience Facility.

In view of this:

1. How much state aid has been approved to date, with amounts broken down by country and economic sector?
2. What action does the Commission intend to take to mitigate the effects on the integrity of the internal market and any competition issues that may arise?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_1872