

State aid

The Middle East Crisis Temporary State Aid Framework (METSAF)

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Introduction



The Middle East crisis is causing increases of global **prices for fuel, natural gas and fertilisers**, also reflecting on electricity prices



Some sectors are particularly exposed due to their structure and cost drivers, with little possibility for short-term adjustment



The crisis has **not** (yet) caused a **serious disturbance** in Member States' economies: Art. 107(3)b TFEU is not applicable at this stage



METSAF

A **temporary and targeted response, tailored** to the most exposed sectors



The **energy transition remains the most effective strategy** for achieving Europe's strategic autonomy, strengthening resilience, structurally lowering energy prices, and delivering the clean, abundant and homegrown energy needed to power the economy of the future

Existing State aid toolbox is well equipped to support the energy transition

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Guiding principles

- Targeted, temporary and tailored response to the Middle East crisis in line with EUCO conclusions and AccelerateEU Communication
- Tailored to the most exposed sectors, allowing Member States to act swiftly
- METSAF strikes the balance between:
 - Addressing short term price spikes
 - Keeping incentives for demand reduction, by maintaining exposure to market prices
 - Limiting the impact of aid measures on single market and competition (also in view of the limited fiscal space available to Member States)
 - Focus on the long-term transition to become independent from fossil fuel imports remains important



Support under the METSAF (SECTION 2.1.)



STANDARD MEASURES

Up to 70% of the extra costs due to the price increase of fuel [and/or fertiliser] caused by the crisis, verified at the level of the beneficiary



SIMPLIFIED MEASURES

Up to €50.000 on the basis of a general estimate of fuel [and/or fertiliser] consumption in the sector, taking into consideration relevant proxies



Applicable March-
December 2026

Only schemes

Type of aid:
grants, loans,
guaranties ...

UiD excluded.
Special rule for
micro-small
companies

Cumulation with
EMFAF



Thank you!



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