

Governing the Interregnum: State Aid Rules and the COVID-19 Crisis**Andrea Biondi***

ABSTRACT: This article focuses on the transformations in the area of State aid control prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic and provides a first assessment on the European Commission Temporary Framework on State aid measures to support the economy. It discusses whether the measures adopted have been effective and have managed to guarantee Member States the possibility to take action as to ensure small undertakings affected by COVID 19 long-term liquidity and to preserve fair competition in what regards State aid rules control.

KEYWORDS: COVID-19 Temporary Framework, compatibility of State aid measures, direct grants, State guarantees, recapitalization.

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