

Q&A's

LCR High Growth Peer Networks and Action Learning Cohorts

Q.	<p>We are interested in submitting a tender response for LCR High Growth Peer Networks and Action Learning Cohorts, but we were hoping that it would be possible to clarify 2 points with regards to businesses NOT eligible for support.</p> <p>1." Businesses involved in export related activities including financing the establishment of distribution networks in other member states or third countries"</p> <p>2." Businesses contingent upon the use of domestic over imported goods"</p> <p>Would it be possible to clarify that this is the correct emphasis?</p>
A.	<p>This support is being offered under the De Minimis State Aid Regulation.</p> <p>This Regulation applies to aid granted to undertakings in all sectors, with the exception of:</p> <p>(a) aid granted to undertakings active in the fishery and aquaculture sector, as covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 <u>(14)</u>;</p> <p>(b) aid granted to undertakings active in the primary production of agricultural products;</p> <p>(c) aid granted to undertakings active in the sector of processing and marketing of agricultural products, in the following cases:</p> <p>(i) where the amount of the aid is fixed on the basis of the price or quantity of such products purchased from primary producers or put on the market by the undertakings concerned;</p> <p>(ii) where the aid is conditional on being partly or entirely passed on to primary producers;</p> <p>(d) aid to export-related activities towards third countries or Member States, namely aid directly linked to the quantities exported, to the establishment and operation of a distribution network or to other current expenditure linked to the export activity;</p> <p>(e) aid contingent upon the use of domestic over imported goods.</p> <p>2. Where an undertaking is active in the sectors referred to in points (a), (b) or (c) of paragraph 1 and is also active in one or more of the sectors or has other activities falling within the scope of this Regulation, this Regulation shall apply to aid granted in respect of the latter sectors or activities, provided that the Member State concerned ensures, by appropriate means such as separation of activities or distinction of costs, that the activities in the sectors excluded from the scope of this Regulation do not benefit from the de minimis aid granted in accordance with this Regulation.</p> <p>Full details can be found here https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1595955131644&uri=CELEX:32013R1407.</p>
Q.	<p>Is there any significance between the tender value for this and the last Peer to Peer networks programme delivered for the Growth Hub in 2021/22.</p>
A.	<p>The increased price is due to these being predominantly being delivered face to face rather than on line as the previously BEIS funded cohorts. We would obviously expect a lower tender price if some delivery will be done online.</p>
Q.	<p>Who provides the diagnostic process to assess the potential for the business to achieve the 20% growth?</p>
A.	<p>The SME will self declare this on the application form based on their turnover and forecasts for the next 3 years along with your assessment of the business. Growth Platform also have a diagnostic service that can be used.</p>
Q.	<p>Can previous cohort businesses from the 2021/22 programme apply for this new programme.</p>
A.	<p>If the business is eligible & can demonstrate they would benefit from further support then yes they could apply for the new programme. We would however, like to see the majority being new to Peer support though.</p>