

Date of decision: 30.6.2009

Class: UP/I 430-01/2009-00/001

Case: MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND SPORTS - Aid for the provision of sports and utility services of general economic interest granted to HOC Bjelolasica d.o.o.

Type of case: State aid (individual)

Type of decision: Decision on ex-post authorisation (Compatible aid - SGEI)

Following the request of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, the Agency carried out *ex-post* approval of aid for the provision of sports and utility services of general economic interest to the undertaking HOC Bjelolasica d.o.o. and Javna ustanova HOC in the amount of HRK 36.200.000, in the form of direct grants and capital investments. The undertaking HOC Bjelolasica d.o.o. was approved grant for the period from 2008 to 2010 in the amount of HRK 17.200.000, on the account of the fact that in accordance with the provisions of Article 67 paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Sports Act¹, the Croatian Olympic Centre Bjelolasica is declared a sports facility of special interest to the Republic of Croatia². However, in the period from 2004 to 2007 the Ministry paid out to the same undertaking aid in the amount of HRK 36.200.000 that was not reported to the Agency. Therefore, an *ex-post* approval procedure for that state aid concerned was carried out, and after the Ministry submitted all the necessary evidence and data explaining that the aid concerned was awarded for the performance of services of general economic interest, the Agency adopted the decision on *ex-post* approval of the aid concerned.

¹ OG 71/06.

² Decision of the Agency: UP/I 430-01/2008-05/16, of 17 December 2008.