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**Class: UP/I 430-01/2009-03/001**

**Case: MINISTRY OF CULTURE - Support programme for book publishing 2009**

**Type of case: State aid (scheme)**

**Type of decision: Decision on authorisation (Compatible aid)**

At the request of the Ministry of Culture, on 29 January 2009 the Agency approved state aid for culture earmarked for financing of book publishing, under the Book publishing programme in 2009. The programme provides for aid for book publishing, publishing of magazines, literary manifestations and book programmes in bookshops, intended for legal and natural persons who, in line with Article 2 paragraph 2 of the State Aid Act, perform an economic activity. Aid intensity may account for up to 100 % of eligible costs, provided that it is proven that a certain project is significant for the development of Croatian culture within the meaning of Article 40 of the Regulation on state aid, as decided by the expert committee of the Ministry of Culture. The funds for the implementation of the Programme, in the total amount of HRK 22,500,000, have been planned in the State budget of the Republic of Croatia for 2009, whilst its implementation has been envisaged from 1 January until 31 December 2009.