



EU State Aid rules for Innovation Clusters

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Aid to ICs operators – Art. 27 GBER

- ICs are **structures or organised groups of independent parties** designed to **stimulate innovative activity** through **promotion, sharing of facilities and exchange of knowledge**
 - Access to premises, facilities and activities: **open, transparent, non-discriminatory**
 - Fees charged: to correspond to **market price** or **reflect the costs**
- Aid amount: up to **EUR 7.5 million** per IC
- Aid beneficiary: **IC operator**
- Investment and operating aid - **up to 50% of the eligible costs**

Aid to ICs operators - RDI Framework

- Aid to ICs exceeding **EUR 7.5 million** or not fulfilling other GBER conditions
- Same beneficiary (**IC operator**), same types of aid and aid intensities as GBER

Aid to ICs users – could be given under other provisions, e.g.:

- Art. 28 GBER – in particular (2)(c), aid for **innovation advisory** and **innovation support services**
- Art. 25 GBER – aid for **RDI projects** and **feasibility studies**, etc.
- **De minimis aid**