

## Press Release

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### **State aids: Welcomeurope signs a partnership with Clayton & Segura, a Brussels-based law firm specialised in the field of state aids**

To better guide and secure its clients in obtaining and managing public funds and especially EU ones, Welcomeurope has partnered with Clayton & Segura law firm.

The legal framework of the European Union is binding. It prohibits state aids, aids granted by States, in any form whatsoever which distorts or threatens to distort competition. Exemptions are provided by the European Treaty and are often subject to different interpretations.


Clayton & Segura has expertise in all areas of state aids (Research and Innovation, environment, energy, etc.) and a daily practice of decision-making within the European Commission and the Supervisory Authority of the European Free Trade Association.

**Welcomeurope therefore strengthens its range of services in engineering projects with clients providing legal security ahead of their files, with the continuous objective of optimizing their public funding.**

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## ABOUT EUCONSULT

 The firm is able to offer expert advice in every branch of state aids (R&D&I, environment, utilities...). It has first-hand knowledge of the decision-making process and a wide network of contacts within the European institutions, in particular, the European Commission and the EFTA Surveillance Authority. This combination of expertise and contact network makes Clayton & Segura's position unique on the Brussels market. Lawyers: Marianne Clayton and Maria Segura

## ABOUT WELCOMEUROPE

Created 15 years ago, Welcomeurope is a consultancy firm specialized in Community politics and funding gathering about 15 staff members.

**Consultancy** – Supporting organizations in engineering, structuring and managements of EU projects both at European and international levels.

**Training** – 15 training modules more than 60 Taylor-made sessions each year organized throughout Europe

**Intelligence and monitoring** - [www.welcomeurope.com](http://www.welcomeurope.com), 1st online resource on European funding to find the best funding opportunities with just a few clicks.