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Measures to make local infrastructure, such as ski lifts, more accessible to area residents, in particular low-income ones, can benefit the local community (also because they may improve the local residents' health) and promote inclusivity. Moreover, ski lift prices for local residents might be influenced or decided by regional or local authorities in view of the situation of local residents. (This may depend on whether the applicable national, regional and/or local rules allow this, and on whether the ski lift operator is controlled by the municipality).

However, it may be that certain rules of EU law apply to certain ski lift operators in a Member State, including their pricing policy. If so, public authorities should abide by the relevant EU rules. For instance, the EU's State aid rules may be applicable where trade between Member States is affected. Subject to specific requirements, these rules allow, inter alia, support having a social character and directed to individuals.

One of the objectives of the EU Work plan for Sport 2024-2027<sup>1</sup> is to increase participation in sport and health-enhancing physical activity and improve accessibility for vulnerable groups, in order to promote an active and environmentally friendly lifestyle, social cohesion and active citizenship. The Member States are invited to engage in implementation of this Work Plan.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/3527/oj/eng>