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**Banking Competition Remedies Ltd (BCR) CIF Pool D webinar notification**

Banking Competition Remedies Ltd (BCR), the independent body established to implement the £775 million Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) State Aid Alternative Remedies Package, today confirms that it is holding a webinar for potential applicants of Pool D of the Capability & Innovation fund on Wednesday 17 October.

Pool D, which totals £25m across 5 awards of £5m each, aims to facilitate the commercialisation of financial technology that is relevant to SMEs in the UK. It gives organisations a unique opportunity to develop their SME offering.

Webinar for Eligible Bodies applying to the Capability & Innovation Fund Pool D

Following the information event held for Pools A, B and C on Thursday 27 September, a webinar for potential applicants in Pool D of the Capability & Innovation Fund is scheduled to take place on the morning of Wednesday 17 October at 09.30 GMT. The webinar will allow potential applicants from a diverse range of geographical locations to access the same information in the most efficient way possible.

The purpose of the webinar is to go through the application process for the Capability & Innovation Fund Pool D and importantly provide a forum for potential applicants to ask questions on the mechanics of how to apply.

Pool D – Key Information

1 November 2018:	Application window for Pool D opens
30 April 2019:	Application window for Pool D closes
May 2019:	Evaluation Period for Pool D
June 2019:	Public announcement of successful applicants Pool D

Eligibility for Pool D has been pre-defined in the negotiation between the UK Government and the European Commission and details on the eligibility criteria can be found on BCR's website: <https://bcr-ltd.com/cif/eligibility-for-cif/>.

Potential applicants can register for the webinar by visiting [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1WHOxfo8SaCbuJqIVMWrDQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1WHOxfo8SaCbuJqIVMWrDQ)

The webinar will be recorded and for those not able to join will be made available online for replay via BCR's website (<https://bcr-ltd.com>) along with information shared on the day.

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