

**Question for written answer E-002392/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The takeover of Schott Solar by Rioglass Solar S.p.A.

In December 2015, Rioglass Solar S.p.A. signed an agreement for the takeover of Schott Solar CSP GmbH, a market leader in the production of receiver tubes in the concentrated solar power sector.

Rioglass Solar is a global leader in the production of concentrated solar power plants (CSP) and was already involved in the production of receiver tubes for linear parabolic collector (HCE) plants, with factories in Europe, Israel, USA, South Africa and Chile.

Schott Solar was, in turn, a leading company in the production of concentrated solar power receiver tubes, with factories in Germany, Spain and Israel.

This takeover would allow Rioglass to obtain a dominant position in the concentrated solar power market, by potentially holding almost all the market and risking putting other European companies in the sector at a disadvantage.

In the last two years, turnover for the two groups was EUR 150 million, equivalent to 95 % of the total turnover. Forecasts for the coming years are EUR 190 million a year (for plants that are in the development phase), while total turnover for plants that were recently announced would be about EUR 440 million as from 2018.

If it was aware of the transaction, can the Commission say whether it has considered the risk of there being a dominant power in this market?

Does the Commission intend to start an investigation procedure for this case?