

**Question for written answer E-005504/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU subsidies for the relocation of jobs

On 29 June 2015, Kongskilde Industries, a company producing agricultural machinery, announced that it was to close its factory in Sønderborg. Some 125 people lost their jobs as a result.

On 1 July 2015 Kongskilde Industries announced that it was moving its production to a factory in Kutno, Poland.

It has emerged – and the Commission has confirmed this – that Kongskilde has received DKK 45 million in subsidies for its plant in Poland, which also produces agricultural machinery.

It seems, therefore, that Kongskilde International may have used EU funding to relocate jobs from Denmark to Poland.

With that in mind:

1. Have EU subsidies been awarded to Kongskilde in a way that has supported and contributed to the company's relocation to Kutno in Poland?
2. If so, does the Commission take the view that in this case there has been a breach of the principle according to which companies may not use grants to relocate jobs from one Member State to another?