

**Question for written answer E-000976/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Competition with regard to industrial sites

Free and fair competition is one of the basic principles of the European internal market. However, a number of trade union organisations in Galicia have been reporting possible breaches of competition rules in Portugal.

These reports relate to the price of industrial land being offered for sale by the Portuguese government in northern Portugal, with the possibility of unauthorised state aid being granted and industrial land being offered for sale at very low prices, and in some cases virtually given away. It is claimed that these advantageous conditions are leading many automotive component firms to set up business or relocate there, to the detriment of Galician sites.

Have the Galician and/or Spanish authorities informed the Commission of the above situation? What view does the Commission take of this situation? Is the Commission looking into possible infringements of competition rules, or is it planning to do so?