

**Question for written answer E-003545/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The Marshall Plan isn't dead, it's merely been turned on its head

The Marshall Plan (1948-1952) was a US programme of loans to various European countries to help rebuild cities and facilities that had been reduced to rubble by World War II bombing. These loans came with the 'healthy' precondition of obliging them to import an US goods and equipment for an equivalent value¹.

A pro-US organisation named the German Marshall Fund is currently seeking to recruit a staff member in France entrusted with raising USD 20 million for the Fund's budget. This person's tasks will entail managing grants and relations with the fund's partners in France, as well as applying for funding from the Commission².

According the Commission's transparency register for lobby groups, the German Marshall Fund has declared a budget of EUR 1 million, but claims to have received no subsidies from the EU³.

Given the disparity between its stated aim and its declared budget, can the Commission confirm that the German Marshall Fund did not receive any EU subsidies in 2017?

While we are in the midst of a trade war with the USA putting jobs at risk, does the Commission believe it to be legitimate for this competitor country aided and abetted by a Member State, namely Germany to advertise positions for activities in its favour on the territory of another Member State, France?

¹ http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plan_Marshall

² <http://www.gmfus.org/careers>

³ <http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=823171519707-31>