

**Question for written answer P-012407/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Subsidies for relocation of jobs

On 5 August 2015 Harman International announced that they were relocating the production site of their subsidiary Martin Professional from Frederikshavn in Denmark to Pécs in Hungary.

It later transpired that Harman International, owners of Martin Professional, had received DKK 18 million in state aid from the state fund Hungaria Investment Promotion Agency. At the same time – as the Commission has confirmed – a firm belonging to the Harman/Becker group received an EU subsidy.

It thus appears that Harman International has relocated production with the support of state aid and potentially also of EU aid.

In the light of the above, can the Commission clarify:

1. Was EU aid given to Harman in a way that supported and contributed to the relocation of Martin Professional's production site from Denmark to Hungary?
2. Is the state aid which Harman International received from Hungaria Investment Promotion Agency to relocate Danish jobs lawful, or does this constitute unlawful aid that distorts competition?