

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0548/01
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to the Commission

Subject: Competition and subsidies in the steel chimney construction sector

There appear to be considerable price differences in the steel chimney construction sector in the European Union and the question arises as to whether these differences, which are in some cases as much as 30% result from the granting of subsidies in certain Member States.

1. Are government subsidies provided for steel chimney construction in certain EU Member States?
2. Is the EU actively promoting this sector? If so, under what programmes?