

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3657/01
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to the Council

Subject: State support for ship-building

The specialised press has reported that the German Government is willing to subsidise sea transport and the ship-building industry, and has submitted a proposal to this effect to Parliament.

In view of the distortion of competition this may cause and the fact that it is an example of a Member State directly or indirectly protecting the ship-building and maritime transport sectors, can the Council supply information about the context of these practices and assess the consequences for the industries of other Member States?