

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1219/02  
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to the Commission

Subject: Subsidies for sports clubs

Rumours are circulating that the Spanish football team Real Madrid is subsidised by funding from the European Union.

In general, are subsidies for sports clubs, especially football teams, provided for under European funding policy?

If so, what kind of subsidies are they, under which programmes are they granted and which criteria must be fulfilled in order to apply for them? Which sports clubs in Spain and Austria are subsidised by the European Union?

More specifically, does the Spanish football team Real Madrid receive funding from the European Union?

If so, what kind of funding is this, and what is the total amount of subsidies received by Real Madrid every year from the European Union?