

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0343/08
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to the Commission

Subject: EU funding for Nokia in Romania

The relocation of the production plant of the mobile phone manufacturer Nokia from Bochum to Romania prompts the following questions:

1. Have the company or the Romanian Government received money from the European Regional Development Fund or from other EU Structural Funds to construct a production plant in Romania? If so, how much?
2. What funding has been awarded by the EU for the construction of the Nokia technology park 'Tetarom' in Cluj?
3. What financial resources were paid out in the context of pre-accession funds under the Phare programme before the accession of Romania to the EU, and when was this? Was this Phare money bound by certain conditions? If so, what conditions? If not, why were there no conditions?
4. Was national state aid paid by the Romanian Government in relation to the establishment of Nokia? If so, how much?
5. Has the Romanian Government duly notified the European Commission of any state aid for Nokia? Has the Commission checked whether any payments of subsidies were in accordance with EU rules on aid?