

**Question for written answer E-011525/2012  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: State aid to support exports of Polish-made windows and doors

A German manufacturer of windows has reported that Poland is subsidising the export of Polish-made windows and doors with state aid, some of which is said to come from the European Regional Development Fund. The funding is said to amount to EUR 1.5 million in total and to be set aside for the establishment of a consortium of Polish door and window manufacturers and for funding exhibits at trade fairs, some of them outside Poland.

The *Verband Fenster und Fassade* (Windows and Facades Association - VFF) has filed a complaint with the Commission under reference number SA. 35500 (2012/CP) (Registration: 2012/103471).

Can the Commission answer the following questions on the subject:

1. Is the Commission aware of Polish state aid to window and door manufacturers?
2. Is it true that this aid was partly funded from the European Regional Development Fund? If so, to what extent?
3. Is it true that the export subsidies were aimed in particular at marketing windows and doors in the export markets of EU Member States Germany, the Czech Republic, Sweden and France?
4. Does the Commission believe that the subsidies could cause economic harm to manufacturers in the above-mentioned Member States?
5. Does the Commission share the view that money from the European Regional Development Fund would be better spent on projects that cannot have a direct negative impact on other European businesses than on direct subsidies to particular industries?
6. Has the Commission already responded to the VFF's complaint? If so, how has the Commission replied? If not, when can a response be expected?