

**Question for written answer E-008321/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Disposal of animal carcasses in Rhineland Palatinate by the Zweckverband Tierkörperbeseitigung (special-purpose association for animal carcass disposal)

In its Decision of 25 April 2012, the Commission decided that the contributions paid to the association in Rhineland Palatinate constituted government aid and that these were incompatible with the internal market.

In July 2012, both the association and the Federal Republic of Germany brought a case before the European Court of First Instance.

The Court has yet to pronounce its verdict.

1. How does the Commission think the association might be reorganised in order to safeguard the future of animal carcass disposal?
2. How can a reorganisation of the association be undertaken with the Commission's agreement in order also to avoid infringement proceedings being initiated against Germany?
3. How can the employees of the association and its operating company (representing around 120 jobs in total) be integrated into a new format?