

**Question for written answer E-002229/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Unequal treatment by the Commission of Member States providing state aid to businesses

The Commission raised no objections to the plan for EUR 800 million in government aid for PSA Peugeot Citroen. The company was also granted aid in 2012 (EUR 7 billion), while another French firm, Alstrom, received similar aid in 2004. In these cases, too, the Commission found no irregularities in the granting of state aid.

On several occasions, however, the Commission has been very strict with regard to state aid given to Polish businesses. It demanded that aid be repaid in 2008 in the case of the Gdynia and Szczecin shipyards; in 2004 in the case of Huta Częstochowa (steelworks); in 2013 in the case of the Technologie Buczek Group and Huta Warszawa (steelworks); in 2013 in the case of the Lotos Group; and in 2014 in the case of Gdynia airport.

1. What is the policy for monitoring state aid granted to businesses in the older EU Member States and what is the policy for monitoring aid in the new EU countries, for instance Poland, which joined in 2004?
2. Do the controls on state aid for Polish businesses take into account the particular features of the Polish economy?
3. Please provide a list of the controls carried out on state aid for firms in the old EU countries, stating which firms in the last 10 years have had to repay state aid that had been granted to them, and the amounts involved.