

Question for written answer E-001520/2019
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Czech Enterprise and Innovation for Competitiveness Operational Programme (OPPIK)

Under the rules of the Czech Enterprise and Innovation for Competitiveness Operational Programme (OPPIK), large companies can apply for a grant worth 20 % of their total project budget. In her answer to question 24a of the Written Questions to Commissioner Hogan of 14 January 2016 on the 2014 Discharge to the Commission, Commissioner Crețu said that 'increasing the overall threshold for the support of large enterprises up to 40 % / 50 % at priority axis level is not acceptable', concluding that the OP 'has not changed its rules in favour of large enterprises'¹.

On 31 August 2017, the Commission approved the revision of the OPPIK while increasing the value of the grants awarded to large companies for energy-saving programmes from 20 % to 60 % of the project budget.

1. Could the Commission please explain why it decided to renege on its original statement that increasing the grant threshold for large companies would be unacceptable?
2. What were the reasons for the increase from 20 % to 60 %?

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http://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/94764/Questionnaire%20Commissioner%20Hogan_Consolidated%20clean%20final.pdf