

**Question for written answer E-002857/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Redundancies at RAG

The closure aid paid to RAG (pursuant to Germany's Coal Financing Act) was subject to approval by the European Commission. One of the basic conditions was that RAG must implement the necessary staff adjustments due to the closure of mines in a socially acceptable manner. However, contrary to Section 1(2)(d) of the Coal Financing Act, in June 2019, at the end of the decommissioning process, some 200 older workers at RAG were dismissed arbitrarily.

- 1) Were any EU subsidies paid to RAG for the closure of the coal mines – in addition to the closure aid granted by the Federal Republic of Germany – and, if so, what were they and what sums were involved?
- 2) How does the Commission ensure that the socially acceptable decommissioning process committed to previously is carried out using the adjustment aid and is not circumvented by German legislation (see Directives of 12 December 2008 on the granting of adjustment aid to workers in the coal mining sector)?
- 3) Does this case constitute misuse of aid by RAG?