

**Question for written answer E-001106/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: EU fines for corporations and Member States, specifically Ireland

In the interests of financial transparency, many questions have been raised about the fines applied to Member States and companies that do not comply with EU rules. Recent articles have mentioned the threat of the EU imposing multi-billion-dollar fines for the failure to meet the emissions target in Ireland. In addition, the EU recently imposed fines of billions of euros on giant companies and multinationals, including Google.

Regarding these two different situations, could the Commission:

1. Indicate precisely where the money from the fines for these multinationals goes in the general budget of the EU and whether detailed accounts are available?
2. Indicate how the money raised from Member States for non-compliance with EU objectives is used and distributed, in particular with regard to the climate emergency?
3. Present a precise national report on the fines applied to and the amount already collected from Ireland and a precise audit showing how that money is distributed between EU budgets?