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Subject: State aid and integrity of the internal market

Ever since the Commission adopted the temporary framework on State aid to allow Member States to support their economies in the context of the pandemic, 166 national measures worth in total approximately EUR 1950 billion in subsidies have been given the green light.

Germany heads the list for these subsidies with approximately 51 % of the total amount, followed by France (17 %) and Italy (15.5 %), the United Kingdom (4 %), Belgium (3 %) and Poland (2.5 %). State aid notified by other Member States represents between 0.5 % and 1.4 % of the total amount.

As the Commission itself has acknowledged, there are 'great differences', which are linked to the budget space available to Member States and to the differing size of their respective economies. These differences may widen the imbalances already existing between the individual economies and jeopardise the integrity of the EU's single market.

Given that all Member States must be able to continue to use state aid to support the recovery of their own economies:

1. What measures will the Commission take to ensure the internal market remains strong in the short to medium term?
2. What exactly is the 'strategy for economic recovery based on a horizontal and consistent approach throughout the whole of the EU', as announced by Vice-President Vestager?
3. Will the Commission introduce an initiative to reform EU competition and state aid laws?