

**Question for written answer E-006411/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: State aid to mines in Upper Silesia

At the end of September, the Polish Government signed a mining and energy reform agreement with trade unions in the sector¹. In the agreement, the two sides agreed that the last coal mine in Upper Silesia would close in 2049.

The agreement also states that it will enter into force 'on the date on which European Commission approval is received for the state aid, including subsidies for ongoing production for the coal mining sector'.

Granting state aid for the ongoing activities of coal mines is incompatible with European law.

In this connection:

1. Has the Polish Government asked the Commission to start work on the implementation of this agreement?
2. If so, what is the timetable and how is the work progressing?
3. Is the Commission planning to amend European law to allow state aid to be granted for the ongoing activities of coal mines?

¹ <https://forsal.pl/biznes/energetyka/artykuly/7833309,porozumienie-z-rzadem-podziemny-protest-gornikow-pgg-30-lat-subsydiow.html>