

**Question for written answer E-001610/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Company takeovers and State aid allowed under the Temporary Framework to support the economy in the context of the coronavirus outbreak

As of the beginning of March 2021, the Commission has allowed a total estimated EUR 3.12 trillion of State aid under the Temporary Framework to support the economy in the context of the coronavirus outbreak. More than half of that aid was approved for Germany, approximately 15 % each for Italy and France, and around 5 % for Spain.

Considering that proportionately there are huge discrepancies in the approved State aid, and in view of the connected risk of a further centralisation of the EU's economy:

What steps is the Commission taking to assure that granted State aid, including EU funding managed by national authorities, is not used by recipient companies to take over struggling companies in other Member States?