

**Question for written answer E-002044/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: State aid and EU programme to support research and innovation along the battery value chain

On 26 January 2021, the Commission approved EUR 2.9 billion of public funding 'by twelve Member States for a second pan-European research and innovation project along the entire battery value chain'¹, following the EUR 3.2 billion of funding already made available in 2019. It appears that the non-European company Tesla is also part of this programme, which was notified to the Commission as an 'Important Project of Common European Interest' (IPCEI). It also appears that the participating EU Member States are entitled to provide financial support to the companies participating in the programme under the conditions set out in the decision on state aid.

1. Can the Commission make available publicly the document relating to this decision of 26 January 2021, which directly affects EU citizens and taxpayers?
2. How much financial support is Tesla receiving under this IPCEI project?
3. Why does the Commission consider that this market intervention does not constitute a distortion of the market?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/de/IP_21_226