

**Question for written answer E-004965/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Chips Act

In her State of the Union address, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen spoke of a European Chips Act, aimed at creating a new EU ecosystem for the production of semiconductors. The automotive, telecommunications and video game industries are currently facing problems due to the shortage of semiconductors¹. In March 2021, the Commissioner for the Internal Market Thierry Breton set a goal for the EU to be producing at least a fifth of the global output of cutting-edge semiconductors by 2030. In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission concerned about the fact that individual Member States are using subsidies to outbid each other in the battle to get companies to invest in new chip factories?
2. How will the 'European Semiconductor Fund' be financed?
3. Given that a chip factory takes about three years to build, how will this project help with the current shortage in semiconductors?

¹ <https://vnexplorer.net/tag/autobranche>