

**Question for written answer E-002425/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Exclusion of the distribution, repair and spare-parts sector from the electric and connected vehicle recovery and resilience plan adopted by the Government of Spain

On 9 December 2021, the Commission validated a EUR 3 000 million scheme under the Spanish recovery and resilience plan to support the automotive value chain. The Commission stated that the aid scheme would consist of at least 40 % of small and medium-sized enterprises and that adequate participation of SMEs would be ensured.

Nevertheless, Ministerial Order ICT/1466/2021 of 23 December 2021 laying down the regulatory bases for the granting of aid under the Strategic Project for Economic Recovery and Transformation in the Electric and Connected Vehicles sector provides that intermediary activities or activities targeted at the final consumer shall not be regarded as activities complementary to industrial production, thus excluding the distribution, repair and spare-parts sector – an essential part of the automotive value chain – from such aid.

In light of the above:

Does the Commission continue to believe that the aid approved by the Spanish Government ensures the proper participation of SMEs, which are an essential part of the entire value chain of the automotive industry, in particular automotive sales and after-sales companies?