

**Question for written answer E-003261/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Duration of legal procedures for the granting of EU aid and share of aid earmarked for climate policy

Lack of transparency is a long-standing issue regarding legal procedures for the granting of EU aid, preventing the scrutiny and monitoring thereof by civil society. The resulting legal uncertainty can prove costly, thereby acting as a deterrent to Member States. During the COVID-19 pandemic in particular, the numerous formalities required for approval of measures of such importance to society as a whole led to growing frustration at the time taken and lack of transparency in this regard.

1. How many such procedures has the Commission dealt with in recent years (giving figures for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively)?
2. In what percentage of cases was the statutory two-month deadline for preliminary examination exceeded? What was the average time taken and how does the Commission propose to ensure that it is substantially reduced?
3. What percentage of this aid has been earmarked for climate policy measures over the four years in question?