

Question for written answer E-003959/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
Filip De Man (ID)

Subject: Measures in response to distortions of competition resulting from state aid to businesses in third countries

On 21 May 2021, Commission President von der Leyen announced plans to tackle the distortion of competition resulting from state aid to businesses in third countries. She also observed that the European Union was the most open economy in the world. In recent years, however, the sanctification of the free market has prompted the relocation of European industrial production capacity with enormous social costs, leaving the EU strategically dependent on the Communist People's Republic of China, with which it has a structural and increasing trade deficit, and undermined by mass migration that is threatening to completely disrupt our society.

1. What specific measures has the Commission taken since the statement by its President regarding state aid to businesses in third countries?
2. What has been the measurable impact of these measures to date?
3. Does the Commission not think it naive to remain the most open economy in a world where major powers, including its allies, are protecting their economies by every means at their disposal and applying WTO rules only where beneficial to them, with the result that a level playing field is nothing more than an illusion?

Submitted: 6.12.2022