

**Question for written answer E-001861/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Controls on EU aid for non-EU companies

In recent months, companies from third countries, particularly Asian companies, have adopted strategies to establish themselves in the EU that include applying for EU funds to support their investments. In some Member States, those requests, particularly from Chinese companies, are being analysed and they may receive the support they have requested. Under the REPowerEU plan, the EU must not support any deployment of non-EU industrial capacities on its territory that creates unfair competition with EU players. What is more, EU rules require all operators who obtain EU funds to certify that the goods and services that those industries may use originate strictly from the EU.

In the light of the above:

1. What control measures will Member States be required to apply to ensure that they do not help non-EU companies to settle in the EU and use EU funds to pursue processes that create an unlevel playing field in the EU?
2. What plans have been established to ensure that, if non-EU players of that kind do receive EU funds, their goods and services will be produced or carried out on EU territory?

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