

**Question for written answer E-002704/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: State aid in Germany and France seriously jeopardising the competitiveness of Italian companies

In order to benefit their energy sectors, Germany and France are considering supporting their companies with national subsidies beyond the end of 2023, a deadline set by EU state aid rules.

This deadline had already been extended by the Commission to address the crises caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine, and mainly for the benefit of Germany and France, whose companies have so far accumulated a competitive advantage over those of other Member States.

In this respect, the request to further extend the current deadline would only widen the already existing competitive gap, especially vis-à-vis countries such as Italy, which are facing greater budgetary constraints.

In view of the fact that the energy crisis has affected all Member States without distinction:

1. Can the Commission clarify its position on a possible extension of the current state aid rules beyond 2023?
2. Can it explain how it intends to ensure that the competitiveness of Italian companies is safeguarded in the context of the state aid policies of the Member States?

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