

**Question for written answer E-003311/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Aid under the Net Zero Industry Act

The Commission has approved EUR 60 million in aid to Austria under the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework to support private investments for the production of specific strategic goods, such as batteries, solar cells, wind turbines, carbon capture and storage equipment or key components thereof. Austria can now provide direct grants to help companies make the investments needed for the transition to a net-zero industry.¹

1. In the Commission's view, to what extent will the investments made using this aid have an impact on achieving the Net Zero Industry Act's objective in Austria?
2. According to the Commission, how realistic is it that this aid will result in the discontinuation of allegedly climate-damaging production processes in Austria?
3. What is the Commission's assessment of the risk that the aid will increasingly benefit large groups that already have more resources to invest in these strategic goods?

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/mex_23_5523