

**Question for written answer E-000748/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Delayed start to the construction of the semiconductor factory in Ensdorf, Saarland

Semiconductor manufacturer Wolfspeed is planning to build a semiconductor factory in cooperation with ZF in Ensdorf, Saarland, and has already received initial confirmation of funding from the German Government. EU funding is also in the pipeline. The company has now announced that the start of construction will be delayed.

1. What is the Commission's assessment of this project, and will it offer it support in the form of concrete measures or European project funding?
2. To the Commission's knowledge, what stage is the project at, in particular the expected timeline for the start and completion of construction, and when manufacture is likely to commence?
3. Does the Commission know of any IPCEI funding application for this project, or of any suitable alternative funding programmes for such projects?

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