

**Question for written answer E-000795/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework

Since the beginning of the COVID crisis in 2020, the Commission, with the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework, has effectively suspended its monitoring of State aid, one of its primary tasks for ensuring fair competition in a functioning single market. This has had the foreseeable outcome that supposedly financially strong Member States with irresponsible governments, like France and Germany currently, have entered into a subsidy race at the expense of taxpayers and consumers, following the example of the Biden government ('Inflation Reduction Act') and the Chinese. Now that this crisis is long over, when does the Commission intend to return to its primary responsibilities under the Treaty and actually monitor State aid?

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