

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0388/08  
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to the Commission

Subject: Relocation of mobile phone production from Bochum (Germany) to Cluj (Romania)

1. Has Bochum received any European Union financial support in the past seven years from which the Bochum Nokia site has directly or indirectly benefited? If so, what financial support was involved and what was the amount?
2. Has the district of Cluj (Romania) received any European Union financial support in the past five years from which Nokia may have benefited directly or indirectly? If so, what financial support was involved and what was the amount? Can the Commission rule out the possibility that European financial support was used to develop the business park 'Nokia Village'?
3. How does the Commission ensure that appropriations from the Structural or Cohesion Funds are not used by EU Member States to subsidise individual firms, thereby distorting competition in the EU?
4. Does the Commission take the view that the Nokia management has properly met its obligations under the EWC Directive 94/45/EC<sup>1</sup> and Directive 2002/14/EC<sup>2</sup> on informing and consulting employees with regard to the decision to close its Bochum plant? If not, what action will the Commission take to ensure that the rights of employees and works councils are respected in future when undertakings take decisions on relocations?
5. Can the Commission confirm that the Federal Republic of Germany has appropriations from the Globalisation Fund at its disposal for Nokia employees in Bochum?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 254, 30.9.1994, p. 64.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 80, 23.3.2002, p. 293.