

**Question for written answer P-001058/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: EU aid received by ArcelorMittal

ArcelorMittal, which has one of the biggest R&D budgets in the entire metal industry (EUR 215 million in 2011), has 14 research centres worldwide, 12 of which are in the EU. This company receives substantial EU research funds: EUR 53.2 billion under the Research and Development Framework Programme (RDFP) in the period 2007-2013, and around EUR 55 million a year under the Research Fund for Coal and Steel (RFCS).

Can the Commission detail the research activities of ArcelorMittal which have received, or are still receiving, EU funds? Can the Commission confirm whether ArcelorMittal is the biggest recipient under the RFCS research budget? Can the Commission specify the amounts received annually by ArcelorMittal and its subsidiaries since 2006 via both the RDFP and the RFCS, as well as the full title of the programmes involved (currently nine under the 7th FP)?

As far as the European Steel Technology Platform (ESTEP) is concerned, we would like to know which projects submitted by this platform ArcelorMittal has taken part in, whether ESTEP as such receives money, for example for its secretariat, and if so, how much, and whether any assessment has been carried out into potential overlaps between FP7 projects and those of the RFCS?