

**Question for written answer P-007558/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: New draft General block exemption Regulation (GBER)

In view of the Commission's proposal to limit the quota for aid that would be exempted from the duty of notification under one aid programme (Article 1(2) (a) of the draft regulation), and given this provision's anticipated negative impact on the employment of disabled persons in Poland, as well as the numerous concerns raised regarding its effect on countering competition violations, is the Commission willing to consider abandoning this provision or proposing a different solution?

Why was the maximum quota for training aid reduced from 80% to 70%? I call on the Commission to retain maximum aid intensity at 80% in respect of training for disabled persons. I would stress that improving workers' qualifications has had a major effect on innovation and on the general competitiveness of businesses. Lowering current aid levels carries with it the risk of causing disruption on the labour market.