

**Priority question for written answer P-004136/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Important projects of common European interest (IPCEIs) involving semiconductors

The EU legislative priorities for 2023 and 2024 set jointly by Parliament, the Commission and the Council declare that 'we will prioritise measures on critical raw materials and rare earths, as well as semiconductors'. The Franco-German contribution of December 2022 entitled 'For a European Green Industrial Policy' states that the existing State aid rules 'could be made more agile' and that 'the time for the approval process [of IPCEIs] should be halved'. However, delays are occurring in the approval of semiconductor IPCEIs, which contradicts the stated aim of achieving strategic autonomy in the production of chips and semiconductors.

Can the Commission please provide information on the concrete steps which have been and are being taken to finalise the approval process of semiconductor IPCEIs involving significant and strategic investments, some of which are to be implemented on greenfield sites?

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