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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Polish Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 28 August 2018 on State aid granted to certain enterprises for the implementation of new investments was a regional investment aid scheme. It was put in place by Poland under the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)¹. It remained in force until 31 December 2022.

The GBER sets out criteria that enable Member States to grant State aid directly to companies in line with EU State aid rules, without requiring notification to or approval by the Commission. The most recently available figures show that in 2023, 88% of all new State aid measures were implemented by Member States under the GBER, and even 93% of total new non-crisis measures. The GBER thus makes an important contribution to reducing administrative burden on Member States to grant necessary, proportionate and appropriate State aid while preserving the level playing field in the Single Market.

¹ Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty,
<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/651/2023-07-01>