

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003368/25
to the Commission
Fabio De Masi (NI)
(2 September 2025)**

Subject: Exchange with German authorities under case number SA.104638

Regarding payments made by the German Federal Government in the connection with contracts with the German logistics company FIEGE Logistik Stiftung & Co. KG., a complainant contacted the Commission calling for an assessment under state aid law (case number SA.104638). On 9 January 2025, the Commission informed that person by e-mail — which I have been forwarded — that it would be willing to take a formal position. In an e-mail of 17 June 2025, the Commission also stated that it was dealing with her case and was in exchange with the German authorities. However, in her reply of 2 September 2025 (P-002657/2025 ⁽¹⁾) to my parliamentary question, Commissioner Hadja Lahbib writes that the Commission ‘is not aware of any contacts with German authorities, ministries, or other public bodies in relation to this national audit’ and that it had ‘not had such contacts as part of that process’.

How does the Commission explain this apparent contradiction?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera on behalf of the European Commission
(29 September 2025)**

Regarding the Honourable Member’s question about state aid, the Commission has adopted a decision in case SA.104638 on 12 September 2025. In its decision, the Commission has reached the conclusion that the payments made by the German Federal Government to FIEGE Logistik Stiftung & Co. KG do not constitute aid under EU State aid rules. The decision will be published as soon as a non-confidential version is available.

Regarding the alleged contradiction mentioned in the question, the Commission would like to point out that the assessment under EU State aid law is a separate matter from contacts in relation to national audits, which were the contacts referred to in the written reply by Commissioner Hadja Lahbib to Question P-002657/2025.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2025-002657-ASW_EN.html