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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has initiated three ex-officio preliminary investigations under the Foreign Subsidies Regulation¹ (FSR), in the wind, security equipment, and nuclear sectors:

Wind: The Commission sent information requests regarding certain wind parks in several Member States to investigate market information about alleged foreign subsidies. The information requests were addressed to several Chinese wind turbines manufacturers and to certain European companies.

Security equipment: The Commission carried out unannounced inspections in the premises of Nuctech. Nuctech filed applications for annulment of the inspection decision and for interim measures with the European Courts. The interim measures application was rejected by the General Court and the Court of Justice on appeal. Proceedings regarding the appeal against the inspection decision are ongoing.

Nuclear: The Commission sent information requests in the context of the construction of new reactors units at Dukovany and Temelín nuclear power plants in Czech Republic. The information requests seek information on alleged foreign subsidies granted to a Korean company and its subcontractors.

In each case, the Commission is assessing information collected. In case of sufficient indications regarding distortive foreign subsidies, it will open in-depth investigations.

The Commission closely follows developments in the internal market, assesses market information and stands ready to initiate ex-officio investigations, where elements point to distortive foreign subsidies both in concentrations and public procurement procedures.

The FSR provides an effective legal basis to assess distortive foreign subsidies granted to undertakings active in the internal market while complying with its international obligations under Article 44(9) FSR.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 on foreign subsidies distorting the internal market (OJ L 330, 23.12.2022, p. 1, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2560/oj>).