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**Question for written answer E-001051/26
to the Commission
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Subject: Belgian bank guarantee in favour of Girteka and compliance with EU rules on competition and social dumping

It has been reported that Credendo, the Belgian public export credit agency, has granted a EUR 74 million bank guarantee to the German banking consortium AKA Bank, enabling the financing of 1 200 new trucks for the Lithuanian transport company Girteka.

However, Girteka has repeatedly been criticised for structural violations of EU transport rules, particularly concerning cabotage operations and the working conditions of drivers from non-EU countries. Several journalistic investigations have highlighted practices that could constitute social dumping within the internal market.

In this context:

1. Does the Commission consider that this public guarantee complies with EU rules on state aid and fair competition?
2. How does the Commission ensure that national public instruments, such as export credit guarantees, do not indirectly contribute to social dumping contrary to the objectives of the Mobility Package?
3. Is the Commission considering additional measures to ensure consistency between EU social regulations and public financial instruments?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera on behalf of the European Commission
(18 May 2026)**

The Commission does not possess any information on the specific guarantee issued by Credendo. If a guarantee would not have been provided on market terms and constituted state aid, Belgium would have had to notify the measure to the Commission.

When it comes to the rules against social dumping, including as part of the Mobility Package ⁽¹⁾, their enforcement is primarily ensured by the Member States' competent authorities and the Commission monitors their correct and on time application and enforcement. If necessary, the Commission may launch infringement procedures against Member States.

The Commission takes into account social objectives and regulations in several EU-level financial instruments. For instance, instruments issued under the European Social Fund Plus aim at contributing to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, to support jobs and create a fair and socially inclusive society.

Further, financial instruments issued under InvestEU support financing projects in social infrastructure, social innovation, social enterprises, integration of migrants, refugees and vulnerable people, for example.

⁽¹⁾ For further details please see: https://transport.ec.europa.eu/transport-modes/road/mobility-package-i_en.