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From the General Directorate for Internationalization, an organization belonging to the Valencian regional government of Spain, we are following with great interest the development of this consultation, which we consider transcendental for companies in our region with highly internationalized sectors that are being greatly affected by the current geopolitical situation.

Since the start of the pandemic, these have been very hard years for the sectors of our region and as an administration we are very limited in helping them with the amount that is currently set as a maximum of minimis.

The increase in inflation derived mostly from the economic instability generated by Russia's war against Ukraine and the explosion in the prices of electricity, natural gas and oil, together with the consequences of the recovery from the pandemic and the increase in global demand for both raw materials and merchandise as well as processed products and transport problems and collapses in supply chains, are strong reasons for it.

As an example, the consequences of the crisis in which the tile sector is immersed, as a result of the excessive gas costs and the increase in the cost of raw materials, is having its repercussions in the frit and glaze sector, as well as for manufacturers of ceramic machinery. This has already affected more than 11,000 workers with a Temporary Employment Regulation File (ERTE) and more than 500 jobs destroyed. The ceramic industry represents 18.7% of the industrial GDP of the Valencian Community and represents more than 22% of the total GDP of the province of Castellón.

That is why we consider that this should be increased to at least **€350,000** in 3 years.