

**Question for written answer E-014564/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Relocation of the multinational Mondeléz to the Czech Republic - closure of its manufacturing plant in Portugal

The multinational biscuit manufacturer Mondeléz, which owns the Triunfo brand in Portugal, has announced that it intends to close its factory in Mem Martins, in the municipality of Sintra, next year and transfer production to the Czech Republic, with the loss of around 120 jobs. This decision by Mondeléz is typical of the way in which multinationals operate: they buy up domestic undertakings and then close production units one by one until finally closing down the whole business (it should be noted that this is not the first Triunfo production unit to be closed in Portugal). Production is then immediately relocated in search of lower wages and conditions that make it easier to exploit workers. In many cases, these multinationals even receive public funding, particularly EU funding, that is thus used to further this brutal relocation strategy, leaving behind it a trail of destruction and unemployment.

1. Does the Commission know how much EU funding the multinational Mondeléz has received to date, specifically in Portugal?
2. Does the Commission know whether there are any plans to allocate EU funding for this company to set up production in the Czech Republic?
3. What provisions or measures, already existing or to be adopted by the EU in the future, might prevent this behaviour on the part of multinational companies?