

**Question for written answer E-014627/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Possible closure of Michelin's Fossano plant

On 3 November 2015 the senior management of the Michelin multinational group announced its decision to close three plants in Europe, one of which being the Fossano plant which produces standard metal cables. This decision prompted a wave of trade union-led demonstrations at the Piedmont site.

Given that the Fossano plant, one of Michelin's largest factories in Europe, employs some 400 people and has a high strategic value by dint of its geographical location, its highly skilled workforce and the specialist nature of its output:

1. Is the Commission aware of the planned redundancies at Michelin's Fossano plant and at other locations in the EU?
2. Does the Commission intend to take action similar to that taken to prevent the closure of other production sites in Europe, for example Tenneco's factory in Gijón?
3. Does the Commission intend to take steps to protect Michelin's factories, workforce and production levels in Europe in accordance with the objective of re-industrialisation, namely to increase industry's share in EU GDP to 20% by 2020, in addition to those initiatives aimed at bringing production back within EU borders (so-called 'reshoring')?