

**Question for written answer E-015916/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Job losses in the ethanol industry in Bulgaria

Responding to the written question P-000998/2015 on the issue of jobs which could have been created with more investment in sustainable ethanol production in the EU, Commissioner Cañete informed Parliament on 11 March 2015 that 'an accurate assessment of how many jobs could be lost would need to analyse how equilibrium effects would impact the net number of lost jobs'.

In the case of Bulgaria, an industry study has demonstrated that there is the capacity to produce up to 2 billion litres of clean, sustainable bio-ethanol in a way that has zero or close to zero ILUC factors. This level of production would create in excess of 7 500 jobs in rural areas of Bulgaria, would increase GDP by over EUR 2 billion and provide millions of tons of GMO and antibiotic-free animal feed that Europe needs.

In a Europe where millions of people are without jobs and where rural communities are in decline because of the lack of investment this new EU policy could have a negative impact.

Could the Commission:

1. Publish the calculations on the job implications, particularly in Central and Eastern European Member States that were used by the Commission when producing its proposals for amending the RED?
2. Indicate which industry sources were consulted on the matter of the employment implications before the RED amendments were produced?