

Question for written answer E-014399/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: EU funding to mitigate the impact of UK steel crisis

The current crisis in the steel industry in the UK has caused around 6 000 job losses over the past month and is jeopardising the livelihoods of hundred thousands of people active in the sector and the wider supply chain, including in the West Midlands.

The British steel industry has seen 2 200 jobs lost at Sahaviriya Steel Industries (SSI) in Redcar. Caparo Industries has gone into administration threatening a further 1 700 jobs, and there have been over 900 job losses at the Tata steel works in Scunthorpe. Tata has previously cut production at its sites in Newport, Port Talbot and Rotherham with a combined loss of 1 000 jobs.

1. Would the Commission encourage the UK Government to bid for European Globalisation Adjustment funding designed to support workers affected by mass redundancies in a single company or a particular sector, a step the government has failed to take to date?
2. What other EU funding is available to support companies as well as workers in the sector impacted by the crisis?