Question for written answer E-015943/2015 to the Commission

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Subject: Retaining high-tech manufacturing jobs in the EU

Following the Commission's response to our question on losses of high-tech manufacturing jobs in the EU (E-002546/2015), we note the EU funds, such as Horizon 2020, COSME and the Juncker Investment Plan, outlined in their answer as supporting a European Industrial Policy.

Further to this answer, we would like to ask how the Commission will seek to ensure that money spent from these funds to support high-skilled, high-value industry in the EU stays in Europe to support high-skill jobs for Europeans.

Whilst we recognise that the Commission does not have the power to intervene in the decisions of a particular company, can it explain what strategy it has in place to ensure that public funds for supporting industry actually deliver high-value jobs as a result of the investment and that these jobs are maintained over the long term?

Also, what guarantees does the Commission seek in order to ensure that companies do not take advantage of the funding in the short term to offshore jobs subsequent to the full funds being received?

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