

Question for written answer E-001522/2024
to the Commission
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Subject: Steel production and Europe's lack of autonomy

The steel industry is the first link in almost all industrial and regional connectivity value chains, making it one of the core building blocks for a strategically autonomous Europe.

The People's Republic of China is the world's largest crude steel producer, accounting for 54 % of production. Trailing far behind is India in second place on 6.6 % and Japan in third on 4.7 %. As the only EU Member State to make it into the top ten steel producers, Germany is ranked seventh on 2 %.

For years, global overcapacity and unfair trade practices have been distorting international trade in steel, creating serious disruption on Europe's steel market.

An effective course of action is in order. We need to deploy EU protective measures and other trade defence instruments.

1. Is the Commission aware of any illegal State aid that the Chinese Government might be providing for Chinese steel production?
2. What steps is the Commission taking to reduce the EU's dependence on certain countries for steel?
3. What measures is it using to encourage the recycling of steel?

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