

**Question for written answer E-002153/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Collapse of Europe's automotive industry, with thousands of jobs at risk – Calls for the Commission to reconsider its priorities

The Green Deal sets out to cut CO₂ emissions by 55 % by 2030 and to make the EU climate-neutral by 2050.

According to the European Environment Agency, Europe's road transport sector accounts for 1.4 % of total global CO₂ emissions.

There are plans to ban the sale of combustion engine vehicles by 2035, with interim targets for carmakers to trim emissions by 15 % by 2025 and by 55 % by 2030.

The European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) has recently remarked that the targets set for 2025 are unreasonable.

The disastrous consequences of these policies are already making themselves felt: large Volkswagen and Audi plants are closing in Germany and Belgium, triggering a domino effect on satellite industries with the bankruptcy of suppliers like Recaro and ZF.

EU policies are destroying an industrial sector that lies at the heart of Europe, clearing the path for Chinese and non-European competitors and putting up to one million jobs on the line.

In the light of the above:

1. Will the Commission reconsider its policies in favour of a more realistic roadmap that safeguards European industry and its competitiveness?
2. How will it protect the hundreds of thousands of Europeans set to lose their jobs once the policies are put into effect?

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