

**Question for written answer E-001209/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: The need to develop the steel industry in the context of developing armament programmes

With the publication of the Commission White Paper on the Future of European Defence and its proposal for 65% of the money from defence lending to be earmarked for EU-sourced components, the steel industry will be crucial to ensuring an adequate material base for future armament programmes.

Unfortunately, the EU steel industry is in deep crisis and faces many difficulties, such as rising energy costs, increasing imports from third countries and tariffs imposed by the US, as well as climate policy challenges, most notably the ETS, without the suspension of which no genuine recovery of the industry is possible.

Given the strategic importance of the steel industry for Europe's security, could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Will the Commission suspend the ETS, which is detrimental to industry, and if so when?
2. What long-term measures does the Commission intend to take to protect the European steel industry from unfair trade competition?

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