

Question for written answer E-003040/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Future of European automotive suppliers

In 2024, Forvia, a world-leading automotive supplier, disclosed that it had decided to cut 10 000 jobs in Europe by 2028, slashing its European workforce by 13 %. This announcement, which has disastrous social consequences, is all the more incomprehensible given that the company has received a lot of State aid, such as EUR 213 million from the EU under the ‘important project of common European interest on hydrogen’ scheme and a EUR 315 million loan from the EIB.

In addition, Forvia’s CEO is calling for the introduction of a 75 % European local content threshold in industrial policies or business support funding, as well as for the sector’s competitiveness to be restored through a European investment plan inspired by the United States’ Inflation Reduction Act.

1. Does the Commission intend to clarify how the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation will be implemented, given that most hydrogen projects in Europe are at risk, in particular because of limited support from the EU?
2. Does it intend to make aid for businesses strictly conditional on them maintaining jobs in Europe?
3. Does the Commission intend to introduce the principle of European preference in sectors where the EU has an industrial base, such as the automotive supply sector?

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