

**Question for written answer E-003041/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Future of the Aluminium Dunkerque plant

Aluminium Dunkerque, the leading producer of primary steel in Europe, is a jewel in the crown of Europe's industry and one of just two production sites in France. Built in 1991, the plant changed hands several times before finally being acquired by the American investment fund AIP, which has made no secret of its intention to sell the site once a capital gain has been achieved.

There is therefore considerable concern as to who will buy the plant, with the previous owners (Rio Tinto and GFG) having significantly underinvested in it. One of the avenues favoured by Aluminium Dunkerque employees is the establishment of a consortium of investors, including the French Government, to oversee an effective industrial strategy.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission's view of the proposal that the Aluminium Dunkerque plant be taken over by a consortium that includes the French Government and other stakeholders when the company is put up for sale?
2. Does it plan to block the sale of Europe's industrial crown jewels to companies that are solely motivated by profit and have no intention of making the investments required to ensure the long-term viability of the sites concerned?
3. Does it intend to make public aid to industrial companies contingent on the successful completion of the investments required to maintain jobs and decarbonise the sites concerned?

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