

**Question for written answer E-003546/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: The consequences of the relocation of the town of Kiruna, Sweden

Residents of Kiruna in Sweden have been informed that additional relocations will be required as part of the ongoing urban transformation project. The relocation process is driven by the expansion of an iron ore mine operated by the state-owned Swedish mining company LKAB.

The latest decision means more households will have to move than originally planned. This raises local concerns about the social, economic and cultural consequences, as well as questions regarding the EU's role in supporting regions affected by structural change.

Kiruna is a cornerstone of the EU's green industrial strategy. The Per Geijer deposit is Europe's largest known deposit of rare earth elements and is listed as a Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP) project. The transformation of LKAB's operations is therefore not only a local issue for Kiruna. It is of strategic relevance in the context of the EU's industrial and climate objectives.

1. What measures will the Commission take to help Kiruna manage the consequences of relocations linked to strategic projects?
2. How can EU support instruments be mobilised to assist affected citizens?
3. How will the Commission ensure that relocation costs are shared fairly given the value of Kiruna to the EU's strategic independence?

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