

**Question for written answer E-003601/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Supporting a just transition in car-producing regions

At its annual political conference in Munich, the Automotive Regions Alliance (ARA) – representing 38 vehicle-producing regions – expressed its support for the EU’s ambition to decarbonise its transport sector by 2035. While endorsing climate neutrality, the regions stressed the need for a technology-neutral approach, including electrification, hydrogen, synthetic fuels and biofuels.

The ‘Munich Declaration’ underlines that the green and digital transition of the automotive sector will require massive investment in infrastructure, innovation and skills, alongside stronger support for small and medium-sized enterprises. Regional leaders warned that without a territorial dimension in the next multiannual financial framework (2028-2034), regional value chains could be further weakened by global competition and trade tensions.

The ARA welcomed the Commission’s Industrial Action Plan and new European Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Alliance, but voiced concern over the lack of territorial focus in EU policies and their exclusion from the Strategic Dialogue on the future of industry. They also called for closer cooperation with local authorities on deploying charging points, financing gigafactories and scaling battery recycling.

What measures does the Commission plan to take to strengthen its policies so that car-producing regions receive targeted EU investment and can achieve a just and inclusive transition?

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