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to the Commission**

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Subject: Contingency framework for public support in the steel sector

Many European steel producers benefit from substantial support measures, at national and European level. In the first six months of 2025, subsidies for Europe's steel industry have grown by EUR 500 million, to reach a total of EUR 15.1 billion.

For example, for its Dunkirk site, ArcelorMittal received public subsidies of almost EUR 1 billion. Thyssenkrupp received around EUR 2 billion from the German government for its tkH2Steel-project.

At EU level, the steel and metals action plan outlines support measures for the steel sector, such as the strengthened EU-steel-trade measures.

Despite this, only a few projects have materialised, according to the sector, due to low steel prices, high energy costs and insufficient demand for low-carbon steel. Some companies benefiting from public support have already reduced, and are expected to further reduce, their presence in Europe. ArcelorMittal plans to offshore 5 600 European jobs across 20 countries, potentially leading to thousands more indirect job losses.

How will the Commission ensure:

1. sufficient capacity for EU low carbon steel production, safeguarding the EU's strategic independence, and which concrete additional measures will be proposed?
2. that public support for steel producing companies is tied to investments in local employment and decarbonisation?
3. the introduction of claw-back procedures if companies that received public support offshore activities and cut European jobs, and where and how would such procedures be applied?

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