

**Question for written answer E-001535/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Conditionality of public aid in the European steel sector

The European steel industry is going through a severe crisis marked by global overcapacity, distorted international competition and high energy costs. Against this backdrop, ArcelorMittal is receiving significant national and EU public support, particularly under industrial and climate policies.

However, several factors are raising concerns regarding the use of such aid. First, major restructuring is under way in several Member States, with job cuts and site closures. In addition, some of the decarbonisation projects announced have been delayed, scaled back or made conditional on new public measures. Moreover, in recent years, a significant portion of the group's financial resources has been earmarked for shareholders.

In light of the above:

1. How does the Commission intend to ensure that EU public aid granted to the steel sector is made strictly conditional on maintaining industrial capacity and jobs in Europe?
2. Does it intend to strengthen conditionality requirements linked to decarbonisation investments?
3. What monitoring and sanctioning mechanisms could be put in place in the event that those commitments are not complied with?

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