

**Question for written answer E-003442/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Competitiveness of the European automotive industry and the impact of EU regulatory policy on Polish manufacturers and suppliers

The European automotive industry, including the commercial vehicle sector, has for many months been raising the alarm about its deteriorating competitiveness vis-à-vis manufacturers from third countries. Organisations representing manufacturers and social partners point to mounting problems arising from high energy prices, rising operating costs, the rapid pace of implementation of new climate and environmental regulations, and insufficiently developed infrastructure to support the sector's transition. At the same time, European manufacturers must compete with companies from outside the EU, which often operate under different regulatory and cost conditions.

This is of particular concern for Poland, which is one of the EU's largest manufacturers of buses, automotive parts and components, and a key link in European supply chains. Tens of thousands of people are employed in this sector, and many companies are heavily dependent on the state of the wider European automotive market.

In light of the foregoing:

1. Has the Commission carried out an analysis of the impact of existing and planned climate and environmental regulations on the competitiveness of the European automotive industry, in particular on manufacturers and suppliers from Central and Eastern European countries, including Poland?
2. Does the Commission have data on the relocation of production, reduced investment or job cuts in the automotive sector which may be linked to costs arising from EU regulations?

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