

**Question for written answer E-003856/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Employment emergency at the Valdengo site (Biella) following ending of Hermes Fulfilment contract

The Orso Blu social cooperative in Valdengo has ceased logistics operations following the ending of its contract with Hermes Fulfilment – part of the Otto/Bonprix group – jeopardising the jobs of 107 workers. Activity ground to a halt on 30 June 2026, despite plans for a transfer of undertaking that was never completed.

Although the Italian authorities and trade unions had called for solutions to be found, Hermes Fulfilment did not attend an official meeting on 2 September 2026.

This case raises questions as to the accountability of multinationals for the employment consequences of cross-border restructuring and their obligations towards workers and local communities.

In light of the above:

1. To what extent does the current EU legal framework ensure that multinational conglomerates assume accountability for the consequences of cross-border restructuring plans on jobs?
2. What can the Commission do to help foster dialogue between Hermes Fulfilment, the Otto/Bonprix group, the authorities, trade unions and Orso Blu, including through tools the EU has at its disposal, such as social dialogue, information and consultation processes for workers, and support in cases of cross-border restructuring?
3. Does the Commission believe it necessary to tighten up the EU regulatory framework to ensure multinational groups are socially responsible in such cases?

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