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**Question for written answer E-002954/25
to the Commission**

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Subject: Suspension of ACC gigafactory in Termoli and implications for the EU's battery strategy

Stellantis, one of Europe's leading automotive groups, is investing in battery gigafactories in France, Germany and Italy through the joint venture Automotive Cells Company (ACC) to support the EU's transition to zero-emission mobility.

In 2022, ACC announced the construction of a EUR 2 billion gigafactory in Termoli, co-financed by NextGenerationEU under Italy's national recovery and resilience plan. It was the only planned gigafactory in Italy and expected to employ 1 800 people by 2030, serving as a strategic battery hub for southern Europe.

In June 2024, ACC suspended the project, citing a slowdown in electric vehicle demand and the need to review its industrial strategy. As of March 2025, no final decision had been made, and EUR 350 million in public funding had been withdrawn by the Italian authorities.

Given the importance of battery production to EU industrial resilience and climate objectives:

1. Is the Commission aware of ACC's suspension of this project, and its implications for the EU's strategic battery manufacturing capacity?
2. Will the Commission consider using support instruments, including the Clean Industrial Deal State Aid Framework, to relaunch the Termoli project and ensure industrial commitment from Stellantis, including sourcing batteries from the site?
3. Could the EU Cohesion Fund or Just Transition Fund be used to support industrial reconversion and safeguard employment in the region affected by the project's suspension?

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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission is aware of the suspension of the Termoli gigafactory project and its potential implications for the EU's strategic battery manufacturing capacity. The Commission is in regular contact with the industry, including through the European Battery Alliance, and closely monitors developments across the battery value chain to ensure alignment with EU objectives.

2. The Clean Industrial Deal State Aid Framework⁽¹⁾ enables Member States to easily support the development of clean technologies. It is for Italy to decide whether to support the investment on that basis. The Commission has deployed several support instruments to strengthen the EU battery value chain. Under the Innovation Fund, EUR 3 billion have been allocated to battery manufacturing, with EUR 1.8 billion still available. The Battery Booster, under the Automotive Action Plan⁽²⁾, is exploring the inclusion of EU content requirements for batteries as well as direct production support, alongside other measures aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of the industry.

3. The region recently submitted a modification proposal of the Regional Programme Molise 2021-2027, to introduce two new priorities dedicated to investments that contribute to the objectives of the Strategic Technology Platform for Europe (STEP)⁽³⁾ referred to in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2024/795⁽⁴⁾: 'Priority 11 Deep, digital and technological technologies' and 'Priority 12 Clean technologies'. This was justified by the need to improve the strategic autonomy of the region Molise and to increase the competitiveness of the regional industrial system, in particular clean and digital technologies and biotechnologies.

The total amount, which will be invested in these two new priorities, is EUR 43 774 210.

⁽¹⁾ https://competition-policy.ec.europa.eu/about/contribution-clean-just-and-competitive-transition/clean-industrial-deal-state-aid-framework-cisaf_en.

⁽²⁾ https://transport.ec.europa.eu/document/download/89b3143e-09b6-4ae6-a826-932b90ed0816_en?filename=Communication%20-%20Action%20Plan.pdf.

⁽³⁾ https://strategic-technologies.europa.eu/index_en.

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) 2024/795 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 February 2024 establishing the Strategic Technologies Platform for Europe (STEP) (OJ L 2024/795, 29.2.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/795/oj>).