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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is monitoring the implementation of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation¹, as well as the development of the markets and technologies for alternative fuels in all transport modes. The Commission is actively working with Member States to ensure a coordinated approach to rolling out the alternative fuels' infrastructure, including addressing challenges associated with hydrogen projects, ensuring that such projects receive the necessary support and guidance. Since 2021, the Commission has committed to providing support to 41 hydrogen projects through the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility, with a total amount of EUR 351 million granted so far.

As a general rule, support to business is provided through State aid and can only be approved if, among other conditions, it supports the development of an economic activity. Specific State aid rules, for example the Regional Aid Guidelines, already include strict conditions that aid does not lead to a relocation of jobs outside the European Economic Area, but rather ensures job creation in the assisted area. Similar provisions exist in the Clean Industrial Deal State aid Framework² which is explicitly intended to provide tools for Member States that will contribute to the creation of quality jobs and their durability.

The Commission is committed to strengthen competitiveness of the European automotive suppliers. As announced in the Industrial Action Plan for the European automotive industry³, the Commission is preparing European content requirements for public support measures to the automotive industry in the upcoming proposal for an Industrial Decarbonisation Acceleration Act in order to boost European production of key vehicle components. The Commission is also assessing the introduction of local content requirements in its forthcoming proposal on decarbonisation of corporate fleets, when public financing is used.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02023R1804-20250414>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:L_202501307.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0095>.