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**Priority question for written answer P-001295/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Open consultation on the future of the automotive sector

Between 30 January and 13 February 2025, the Commission held a public consultation on ‘the future of the European automotive industry’ to gather opinions on what urgent actions and solutions are needed for the future strength of the industry.

The Commission has acknowledged that the sector is facing an unprecedented crisis, while manufacturers are calling for deadlines to be adapted, fines to be removed and alternative fuels to be considered.

According to the consultation portal, 1 906 valid responses were received, with 1 374 (more than 72%) coming from Spain, making Spaniards the biggest European participants in the consultation.

The portal sets out the quantitative data, but leaves out the replies received given in the form of comments, which give a qualitative value to the responses that is essential for the transparency of the consultation.

1. Of the 1 906 responses registered, in how many of them was the comment section filled in?
2. Will the Commission publish, in a way that maintains citizens’ anonymity, the replies in the form of comments?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
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Out of the 1 906 respondents, 881 provided inputs under the question ‘Do you have any other comments or remarks as regards the EU industrial action plan for the automotive sector?’ (634 from Spain); the answers provided show a significant variation, from single-sentence inputs to page-long detailed contributions.

In accordance with Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 ⁽¹⁾, the Commission is obligated to protect the privacy and integrity of the individuals who provided personal information.

The Commission has therefore presented the main contents of the comments received in the Summary Report published on the public consultation page ⁽²⁾, ensuring the protection of respondents’ personal data and maintaining the integrity of the consultation process.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2001/1049/oj/eng>.

⁽²⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14487-Future-of-the-European-automotive-industry/public-consultation_en.