

**Question for written answer E-006485/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Inês Cristina Zuber (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: Lay-offs at PSA Mangualde

In July 2014, 280 workers employed on the third shift at the PSA/Peugeot-Citroen plant in Mangualde were made redundant. The management justifies these lay-offs on the grounds that the shift has been closed down because of an 'adjustment in productive activity'.

This is a company which regularly resorts to lay-offs and flexible working hours. Having dismissed these workers, it will once again make use of flexitime to extend normal working hours to Saturdays and holidays, with standard rates of pay, denying workers the extra pay to which they are entitled for working extra hours. These measures clearly infringe workers' rights and will place more of this company's employees in precarious working conditions.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following:

1. What information does it have about this company's position and what Community funding has the company received?
2. Does this collective dismissal contradict the commitments made by this company when it received public funding? What action does it intend to take?