

**Question for written answer E-010392/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Falling greenhouse gas emissions and industrial decline

EU Member States have worked hard to curb greenhouse gas emissions; figures show a 19 % drop in emissions between 1990 and 2012. According to the Commission communication of 28 October 2014, EU GDP increased by 45 % over the same period.

Meanwhile, the proportion of EU GDP generated by manufacturing has been steadily falling, to the very low figure of 15 % in 2012. Some industries have been hit by long-term decline and certain countries, including France, are in the grip of deindustrialisation.

It is perfectly possible, therefore, that the fall in greenhouse gas emissions might in fact be down to the loss of industrial capacity and the decline of manufacturing in some European countries.

1. What proportion of the decrease in greenhouse gas emissions does the Commission think is attributable to industrial decline in the EU?
2. Will the Commission introduce adjustment mechanisms which relax the emissions reduction requirements for industries facing particular difficulties? Is the Commission considering measures to support industries as they make the transition to clean technologies?