

**Question for written answer E-010843/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Situation at V.N. Automóveis

In December 2013, the Japanese car manufacturer Isuzu decided to terminate the contract it had with V.N. Automóveis and to stop assembling bodywork in Vendas Novas, moving the production lines to Italy. The Vendas Novas factory then laid off 33 of its roughly 80 workers. The other workers waited, in the expectation that new projects would be found so that they could keep their jobs. This never materialised, however.

V. N. Automóveis in Vendas Novas recently decided to file for bankruptcy and its 56 workers now risk becoming unemployed.

Therefore, can the Commission please state:

- What EU funding has this company benefitted from and what sums were paid to it?
- What mechanisms are available to the EU to help the workers already laid off and those about to be laid off? Has the Portuguese Government applied to mobilise any of these mechanisms?