

**Question for written answer E-000184/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Versalis

ENI has said that it wishes to sell its majority holding in the chemical company Versalis, which employs over 4 400 people in Italy. This is at odds with the important role chemicals have in Italy's industrial sector and with the 2014 industrial plan which put 'green' chemistry firmly in the spotlight.

In view of the Italian Government's controlling stake in ENI, the EU's commitment to research into green chemistry and the 250 patents held by Versalis, as well as the danger that assets might be sold abroad and the possible effects on jobs of the sale, could the Commission answer the following questions?

1. Does the Commission consider that this sale is consistent with the EU's aims of revitalising industry in the EU? Will it guarantee long-term competitiveness for Versalis and ensure that know-how and technology skills are developed and activities important to the productive sector and the social fabric are maintained?
2. Does the Commission believe ENI is acting in accordance with Directive 2002/14/EC establishing a general framework for information and consulting employees?
3. How does the Commission plan to support the sector and encourage investment in developing green chemistry?