

**Question for written answer E-000823/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Restructuring of General Electric Spain

On 13 January 2016, the US multinational General Electric announced a restructuring plan which will affect 6500 workers in Europe, 512 of them in Spain.

In Navarre, the consequences of the plan will be disastrous, in particular for the employees of the Alstom plant in Buñuel: when the plant closes, 103 people, or 4.52% of the population of the town, will lose their jobs, and the families of each of those people will also be affected.

The proximate cause of the restructuring is the crisis in the renewables sector, combined with the need for General Electric to become more profitable. The underlying reason is the growing impact of globalisation.

Given that support can be provided from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGAF) if redundancies are the result of globalisation-related restructuring, and if the redundancies affect more than 500 workers or a large proportion of the workers in a region, and given the impact of the restructuring in question, which is the result of a downturn in a sector caused by globalisation, does the Commission regard EGAF support as an option? If not, what other responses will it consider?