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to the Commission**

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Subject: Protecting jobs in the printing industry

According to a survey carried out by the Trendeo consulting firm in 2014, 217 plant closures were registered that year, with printing works accounting for 8.8% of plant closures in France, 4.6 % more than in 2013.

Over the period 2009-2015, a total of 88 printing works closed down and only eight opened.

In 2015, the French 'Le Monde' newspaper print shop, which had been located since 1989 on the former SKF site at Ivry-sur-Seine, also closed down.

Under pressure from the large newspaper publishing houses and shareholders, print shops have introduced mass redundancy schemes and have started to relocate within Europe.

In view of this:

What measures can the Commission take to support the printing industry in France and Europe?

Can it say how it intends to alleviate the impact on European workers and businesses of the competitive climate advocated by it within the Union?

What measures does it recommend to offset the ecological cost of the relocations and plant closures referred to above?