

**Question for written answer E-000227/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Commission 2017 work programme and reindustrialisation

The brutal closure of Caterpillar demonstrated once again how urgently the EU needs to develop a real reindustrialisation policy, based, in particular, on research and development, high added value and energy efficiency, in order to create sustainable growth and protect EU jobs.

For that reason, at the beginning of October 2016, Parliament adopted a resolution calling for the creation of a long-term strategy to ensure that at least 20% of the EU's GDP comes from industry.

The Commission's 2017 work programme was keenly awaited so that its commitment to redeveloping a proper industrial policy could be examined.

It was met with disappointment, however. True, one of the ten chapters is called 'A deeper and fairer internal market with a strengthened industrial base', but it contains neither the basis for an EU industrial policy, nor even the first steps towards preventing further social catastrophes from taking place.

Can the Commission, four months after the announcement that Caterpillar would be closed and 6000 jobs lost, describe the main ways – apart from a 'major event' for the information of stakeholders (see answers to my questions E-007536/2016 and E-008039/2016) – in which it plans to support EU industry?