

**Question for written answer E-001170/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Closure of the Caterpillar plant and implementation of the EGF

The Commission's entirely logical response to the outrageous and abrupt announcement that the Caterpillar plant at Gosselies is to be closed down has been to confirm that it will mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) to help employees who have been laid off find new jobs.

Given the sheer number of job losses in our region that this shareholder-driven decision will bring about, it is imperative that everything possible should be done as quickly as possible to help the thousands of workers involved retrain.

Has the Commission already made arrangements so the EGF can be mobilised as soon as possible after the application for support is made?