

**Question for written answer E-002422/2017  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Production opportunities - new energies

In a number of regions in the European Union a series of industrial sites have been closed down or are on the point of changing their designation as a result of the changes to industrial capacities.

A possible solution that will make use of these former industrial sites is to convert them into parks with green energy production plants, such as solar panels or wind power plants.

A move of that kind would reduce the risk of the sites being turned into farming lands and protect biodiversity in the regions interested in investing in new energies. In addition, such sites have the advantage of being accessible and close both to electric network connections and to potential beneficiary consumers.

With a view to turning unused former industrial parks into green energy power plants, how will the Commission support local and regional authorities' projects, including cross-border projects?