

**Question for written answer E-003806/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: The European railway sector facing Chinese competition

We are aware of China's dumping which has been severely damaging the European steel industry for several years.

Several sources indicate that Beijing is now making the railway industry one of its main targets in terms of exports.

To this end China is relying on three highly subsidised state-owned enterprises, with significant production capabilities and very competitive products given the manufacturing conditions and the government's subsidies in this sector, especially for research and development.

The declining Chinese domestic demand makes the threat of cut-price exports even more real, much like is happening in the steel industry.

It should be noted that the railway sector in Europe represents 400 000 direct jobs.

1. Given these changes, and bearing in mind that dumping is more difficult to prove in the railway sector, what measures will the Commission take to protect the European railway industry from any unfair competition and trade practices which could heavily harm European jobs?
2. Can we realistically wait for providers to suffer considerable harm before taking action?
3. Could reforming the Trade Defence Instruments be a part of the answer?