

**Question for written answer E-004741/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Follow-up to Parliament's resolution on the competitiveness of the European rail supply industry

In June 2016, Parliament approved by a large majority a resolution on the competitiveness of the European rail supply industry.

The resolution highlights the importance of the rail supply industry in the Union (where no fewer than 400 000 jobs depend directly on it) and, among other things, calls on the Commission to take several initiatives to encourage innovation, support SMEs and stimulate investment in railways, as well as tackling unacceptable practices by certain third countries, including China, which distort the market.

In September 2016, in response to the resolution, the Commission announced that it would engage in a dialogue with stakeholders, which would also be open to Parliament and the Member States.

What steps have been taken so far in relation to this dialogue, and how is it to proceed?

