

Question for written answer E-007942/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Policies for the re-employment of Roccasecca workers

A few weeks ago, the multinational company Ideal Standard Industriale Srl., which is based in Belgium and has three production facilities in Italy, announced a redundancy plan for one of those facilities, at Roccasecca in the province of Frosinone. 294 people will be laid off in an area whose economy will find it hard to cope with such a shock, long term. Despite showing tentative signs of a recovery, the economic situation in Italy remains pretty much stagnant and it is not helped by decisions such as this.

Moreover, despite repeatedly being invited by the authorities at every level to find a solution that would allow the company to pursue its policies in a manner befitting the local economy, the company's representatives refused to discuss the issue, offering last-minute excuses.

Can the Commission state:

1. Whether it is aware of this situation;
2. What policies and funding it can implement, within the meaning of Articles 145-150 TFEU, to support Italy in its policies aimed at maintaining employment levels;
3. Whether there have been any similar previous cases in the EU of a company refusing to meet with the local and national public authorities?