

**Question for written answer E-000974/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Competition between Member States

In Italy, reports of company delocalisation are increasingly common. When companies move outside the EU, we are all at pains to use technical terms such as 'carbon leakage' or 'dumping', for example, to justify our legitimate interest in keeping jobs in their original location. However, sometimes establishments move inside the EU, which has the same effect on employment in the original Member State but does not attract the same attention from the EU institutions.

Over the last few days, for example, I have been following quite closely the case of the Riva di Chieri plant belonging to Embraco, part of the Whirlpool group, which has decided to move production to Slovakia and lay off 497 workers.

In view of this and other similar cases:

- 1) Can the Commission comment on the legitimacy of extraordinary tax policies designed to attract investments from one Member State to another, with the obvious consequence that jobs are also moved?
- 2) Can it systematically check that state aid is not used for such purposes, either now or in the future?
- 3) Can it propose solutions that do not put Member States into competition with each other but instead help to further integration, cohesion and the creation of new jobs, rather than the delocalisation of existing ones?