

**Question for written answer E-004508/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Relocation of Bekaert plant to the Czech Republic

Further to Question P-003571/2018 and the answer thereto, it appears that Bekaert, a Belgian multinational producing steel reinforcements for tyres, is planning to close its production plant in Figline and Incisa Valdarno (Florence) and relocate to not only Romania but also the Czech Republic.

In view of this:

1. In reply to a previous question, the Commission undertook to consult the Romanian authorities to establish whether any public funding had been channelled into the relocation. Will it also make the same enquires of the Czech authorities, especially with regard to compliance with Directive 2014/95/EC amending Directive 2013/34/EU?
2. Does it intend to adopt an official position on whether plant relocation within the EU for economic or fiscal reasons is in line with the Treaties and present a legislative initiative on corporate social responsibility?
3. Will it adopt a position on the possibility of making companies relocating within the EU bear the cost of seeking alternative jobs for their redundant workforce?