

**Question for written answer P-000129/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Competitiveness and strengthening of the shipbuilding industry in Europe

The shipbuilding industry has for decades been one of Europe's most important industries, employing a huge number of workers and at the same time serving as a huge market for many industrial products manufactured in the European Union. The recent debate in the European Parliament on the state of the steel market has shown that markets for steel have disappeared and the shipbuilding industry was one of these major markets.

1. Does the European Commission have specific initiatives and plans to preserve the competitiveness of the remaining shipbuilding industry in the European Member States?
2. Are there any specific programmes that can benefit the shipbuilding industry and contribute to its strengthening?