

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3593/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Crisis in the Italian automobile industry

The European automobile industry in general, and the Italian industry in particular, are suffering from an excess of productive capacity and the aggressive marketing of cars from non-EU countries.

Against this background, and in the spirit of the strategy to relaunch the Lisbon agenda, does the Commission intend to come forward with a European policy for this sector?

Does the Commission take the view that competitiveness in this sector can be revitalised by coordinated investment in technological research and by launching a serious discussion on productive synergy?