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to the Commission
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Subject: Michelin Group manufacturing redundancies in Piedmont

The Michelin Group has announced 578 redundancies by 2020 in Piedmont’s manufacturing sector, with 400 of these to come at the Fossano (Cuneo) plant. The Fossano site has seen its manufacturing output fall by some 45% since 2009. Two thirds of metal cable production at Fossano is feeling the effects of competition and lower prices from countries with lower production costs (China, rest of Asia, etc.)

In the light of the above, does the Commission not feel that the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund should be activated in the specific case of the Michelin sites in Piedmont (Fossano, Alessandria and Turin) and also in Padua?

EU policies aimed at opening up markets too far, at concluding free trade agreements and at gradually abolishing customs duties for developing countries are irreparably damaging European workers, who deserve more active and effective support from the Commission.