

Question for written answer E-006110/2017
to the Commission
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Subject: The place of the workforce in the EU's renewed industrial policy strategy

The Commission published its communication 'Investing in a smart, innovative and sustainable industry – A renewed EU Industrial Policy Strategy' in September 2017. As a keen advocate of defending European industry, I can only welcome the Commission's intention to put European industrial policy strategy back at the forefront of our concerns. It has always been my view that without a strong industrial base it is impossible to have a robust economy that is capable of generating wealth and meeting the great challenges of the future.

Sadly, on reading this renewed strategy, I am disappointed at the lack of interest shown by the Commission in some important areas, such as the management of restructuring, the loss of jobs and the involvement of the workforce. These areas are all the more significant given that our industry is experiencing constant change and is subject to many restructuring processes.

Hence my simple question: does the Commission intend to adapt its strategy so as to give more particular emphasis to these areas?