Question for written answer E-006184/2018 to the Commission Rule 130 Mercedes Bresso (S&D)

Subject: Pernigotti

La Pernigotti is a historic agri-food company in the town of Novi Ligure, one of the most prestigious in the area. Since 2013, it has been owned by the Turkish group Toksot. Last November, the company's management announced the closure of the plant and the dismissal of 100 employees, with the clear intention of outsourcing production or transferring it to Turkey. If this happened, there would be a classic chain reaction and all the related activities - in particular services, hazelnut producers and hauliers - would also be adversely affected.

This is yet another crisis caused by relocation policies rather than by any genuine industrial crisis.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- Does it believes that the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund could be activated to safeguard not only Pernigotti's workers but also, and above all, the skills they possess?
- Does it agree that the relocation of the production of a product linked to a crop cultivated locally is prejudicial to the product itself and to its historical brand?

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