

**Question for written answer E-001148/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Airbus to open a new factory in the US thanks to American President Trump's smart protectionism

Airbus has opened a new chapter in the development of its production sites in the US with the official launch of construction work on its A220 aircraft assembly line in Mobile, Alabama, on 20 January 2019¹.

This facility will enable the company to satisfy the increased and growing demand for the A220 family of aircraft in the US. It will be the company's second commercial aircraft production site in the US. Production is due to begin in the third quarter of 2019, with delivery of the first A220 built in Mobile planned for 2020. According to the press release from Airbus, the site 'will facilitate assembly of A220-100 and A220-300 aircraft for US customers'.

Does the Commission's administration condemn this decision by Airbus?

Does it prove that the smart protectionism strategy can create jobs in the US?

Why does the Commission not employ the model of smart protectionism which all successful countries have adopted to overtake us: the US, China and Japan?

¹ <http://aujourd'hui.ma/monde/debut-des-travaux-de-construction-de-la-chaine-dassemblage-a220-dairbus-aux-etats-unis>