

**Question for written answer E-001896/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Greater control over relocation of large companies: upholding agreements with workers and protection of their rights

A large number of major companies, led by Sky, Esso, Opel and Consodata, have decided in recent years to abandon the capital, having done business there for decades. Wind Tre from Parco dei Medici has now unfortunately decided to follow suit.

Contrary to the guarantees given by its top management regarding the reorganisation, the company's business plan involves the arbitrary transfer from Rome to Milan of its 100 employees, 70% of whom are women, which would clearly entail costly, complex and unexpected changes in the lives of those concerned, whose rights would not be guaranteed under the envisaged industrial plans.

Given the constant commitment at European level to measures promoting the information, consultation and participation of workers to ensure their due involvement in company decision making (European Parliament resolutions of 19 January 2017 on a European Pillar of Social Rights and of 13 June 2017 on cross-border mergers and divisions and the report on employee participation in corporate governance):

1. How will the Commission respond to these unilateral and arbitrary decisions by the company in question?
2. How will it ensure that company business plans guarantee maximum protection for workers' professional and social rights, as well as improved business prospects?