

**Question for written answer E-001997/2020  
to the Commission**  
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**Subject:** Support for the automotive industry

The coronavirus epidemic has caused an unprecedented crisis for the French automotive sector.

Renault, PSA and Renault Trucks have had to close their factories in France and elsewhere in Europe in order to protect their workers and also to adapt to collapse of the market.

Today the situation is the same throughout Europe, where almost all factories are shut down, including equipment manufacturers.

All companies in the automotive sector, especially SMEs and mid-caps, are exposed to serious cashflow risks.

Large-scale implementation of 'partial unemployment' arrangements is essential to save jobs and ensure that the companies can survive.

At the same time, we need to be making preparations for the resumption of work.

Measures suggested by industry representatives include the supply of masks, hand sanitisers and tests, as well as setting out new working procedures, a relaunch plan and economic and fiscal measures to stimulate demand.

In view of its competences in the area of industrial policy (Article 173 TFEU), employment (Article 3 TEU) and public health (Article 168 TFEU), is the Commission considering a large-scale plan to relaunch the automotive industry and measures to stimulate demand?