

**Question for written answer E-005096/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: Closure of plants in the Penedès region

In the last few weeks, four plant closures have been announced in the region of Penedès, which has a population of 485 027 and an unemployment rate of over 14.5%. These are the Saint-Gobain Glass plant in Arboç, which manufactures automotive glass, with the loss of 120 jobs; the Robert Bosch plant in Castellet i la Gornal, which manufactures vehicle parts, where 300 jobs have been lost; and the Alfisa and Calsonic plants, both in Santa Margarida i els Monjos and also involved in the manufacture of vehicle parts, with the loss of 105 and 77 jobs respectively. Any direct and indirect redundancies will have a huge impact in an area where, historically, the unemployment rate has always been higher than average.

1. What measures will the Commission take to avoid the possible closure or relocation of these plants in Penedès?
2. What strategies and measures will the Commission implement to protect workers and boost employment in areas such as Penedès which are severely affected by deindustrialisation and unemployment?