

**Question for written answer E-000477/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Protection for Iveco workers

Iveco, a historic Italian company specialising in the production of industrial vehicles and buses, has recently started negotiations with a view to selling the company to Chinese state-owned company Faw Jiefang. Iveco is made up of 24 manufacturing facilities worldwide and has as many as 25 000 employees globally. Of these, around 4 000 are employed in the Brescia and Mantua factories. Possible strategic staff cuts following a change in management are a potential risk, coming on top of the economic difficulties suffered in recent months.

At the EU level, Article 4 of Directive 2001/23/EC stipulates that 'The transfer of the undertaking, business or part of the undertaking or business shall not in itself constitute grounds for dismissal by the transferor or the transferee'.

Given that the right to work is enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, that Europe is going through a time of extreme crisis, and the likely purchaser is one of the few countries worldwide that has not been economically overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, can the Commission say:

what measures it intends to take to protect Iveco workers from possible redundancies?