

**Question for written answer E-000998/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Situation of ALCO workers

The ALCO group, with headquarters in Rovato (Brescia), comprises three separate companies which control – through various brands – over 40 shops, half of which are in the province of Brescia. It has a total workforce of 750 employees. To date, the COVID-19 crisis has worsened the group's liquidity problems. It has announced over 200 redundancies and is participating in regional crisis talks with the social partners.

While an industrial recovery plan was expected in 2019, today, 200 families – already in a precarious situation due to unpaid wage arrears – have no certainty when it comes to a possible sale of the company which does not guarantee any continuity of employment or wages.

In order to safeguard the right to work, can the Commission therefore say what measures it intends to take to deal with this and similar emergencies, not least in the light of Directive 2001/23/EC, which confirms the right to work even in the event of a transfer or change of ownership?