

**Question for written answer E-004649/2021  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Closure of the Vestas plant in Viveiro (Galicia, Spain)

In recent years, a number of plants have closed in Spain, including in Galicia. The latest closure to be announced, which would entail the dismissal of 115 workers, is of the Viveiro plant, operated by the Danish multinational company Vestas. The Lauchhammer plant in Germany and the Esbjerg plant in Denmark will also be closed.

Vestas justifies this senseless closure of its profitable and highly productive Viveiro plant, which produces wind energy components, on organisational rather than financial grounds.

1. What view does the Commission take of such closures?
2. In the light of the successive plant closures, and of the European Industrial Strategy and the Offshore Renewable Energy Strategy, what measures can the Commission suggest to encourage industrial companies to continue producing in Europe, thus preventing plant closures, keeping production lines close and protecting jobs?
3. Given that one of the recovery and resilience facility (RRF) pillars is the green transition and that Member States are supposed to allocate at least 37 % of their recovery and resilience plan funds to meeting that challenge, can RRF support be granted to companies that commit to maintaining production in sparsely populated areas at risk of depopulation?