

**Question for written answer E-000893/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Job losses at the AGC plant in Fleurus

In early 2022 the AGC Group announced that it would be closing its plant at Fleurus in Belgium before the end of 2023. According to the trade unions CSC and FGTB, 187 people will be affected by the closure, including 145 shop-floor workers and 42 admin staff. AGC's plant in Fleurus specialises in the manufacture of car windscreens. It has been restructured on a number of occasions over the past 20 years, each time resulting in staff cuts and changes to manufacturing processes.

In recent years AGC has received large amounts of EU funding. A few weeks before the announcement, at an event in Las Vegas, AGC unveiled a new-generation windscreen which had been designed and developed thanks to funding that Wallonia and the EU had invested in AGC's research centre in Jumet, Belgium.

1. Can the Commission provide detailed information on the amounts of EU funds that the AGC Group has received?
2. What conditions did the companies concerned have to meet with regard to employment and production in return for EU funding?
3. Is the Commission considering legislative proposals that would prevent multinationals in receipt of EU funding from making staff redundant or paying dividends to their shareholders?