

Question for written answer E-002679/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Relocation of Wärtsilä group from Bagnoli della Rosandra site (Trieste, Italy)

It has recently been reported that Wärtsilä group is planning to relocate the production of four-stroke diesel engines from the Bagnoli della Rosandra site near Trieste (Italy) to Vaasa in Finland.

The Finnish multinational, a world leader in the manufacture of marine engines, explained that the decision was taken to strengthen 'competitiveness and create a structure capable of guaranteeing future growth', adding that the move was expected to save it as much as EUR 35 million by 2025.

The anticipated impact in terms of employment is particularly alarming, given that the entire industry will be affected, putting at risk 450 jobs out of a total of 970 at the Trieste plant alone, as well as an estimated 400 jobs in related sectors.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say how it intends to assist the Italian Government in its negotiations with the Finnish multinational company in order to protect these jobs?
2. Given that the projected relocation to Finland could be a direct result of the drive for carbon neutrality, what measures is it planning to take to ensure a sustainable and balanced energy and ecological transition so as to prevent any similar consequences in social and economic terms and in terms of employment?
3. What action will it take to prevent future subsidised 'zero-cost' relocations for multinationals?