

**Question for written answer E-003600/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Relocation of businesses

In September 2022, the Federation of German Industries (BDI) published a survey after consulting some 600 businesses. They found that almost 90% of the undertakings questioned considered the current rise in energy prices as a serious or existential threat. In February 2022, 23% of businesses were facing challenges that threatened their continued existence. In the current survey this figure has risen to 34%.

A further 8% of businesses are currently in the process of relocating and outsourcing jobs from Germany. While another 12% of businesses do not wish to move any operations abroad, they are opting against further investment in Germany, choosing instead to invest abroad¹.

When these businesses move away, many highly qualified individuals go with them. This does not bode well for the German economy or for future tax revenue.

1. Does the Commission have comparable, up-to-date information about other EU Member States?
2. In the period 2010-2019, how many businesses and companies relocated operations and jobs abroad and which Member States were affected?
3. Since 1 January 2020, how many businesses and companies have relocated operations and jobs abroad and which Member States have been affected?

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¹ Abwanderungspläne in der Industrie. Lagebild im industriellen Mittelstand, Gießerei-Praxis, 13. September 2022.