

**Question for written answer E-003878/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Job losses caused by the transition to electric cars

The car industry accounts for 2.6 million jobs (13 million if ancillary sectors are included). Data from IndustriAll Europe's Automotive Committee suggests that the Fit for 55 package of legislation – the final version of which has yet to be approved by Parliament – puts 35% of those jobs at risk. According to the Secretary of the Italian Union of Metalworkers (UILM), 120 000 jobs are at immediate risk in Italy alone.

Italy is one of the countries most affected by the transition and it needs strong support for the reconversion of the sector. The trade unions have also flagged up the issue of unfair competition from countries such as China and India, which have longer deadlines to achieve climate neutrality.

In view of the above:

1. How will the job losses be addressed?
2. What does the Commission intend to do to ensure that the EU does not have to compete with countries such as China, which is a leader in the electric sector?
3. Has the Commission considered establishing a financial strategic plan to help fund retraining, especially for countries like Italy?

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