

**Question for written answer E-000463/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Plight of wind turbine designers and manufacturers

Designers and manufacturers of wind turbines are in a perilous state of affairs following a spate of dismissals in the sector's principal western companies (Vestas, Siemens-Gamesa, Nordex and General Electric). Manufacturers are facing the short end of the stick as they attempt to maintain a profit margin which allows them to continue trading with their clients. While clients and distributors continue to enjoy healthy profit margins, manufacturers and designers hold a weak hand.

The wind market is considered vital for Europe's future, and yet western manufacturers and designers are struggling to stay afloat. Manufacturers lack all ability to negotiate with clients, and existing rules leave them incapable of developing a stronger negotiating position.

1. What alternatives is the Commission considering to ensure the viability of the wind industry, both on land and at sea, and of related technologies, given the sector's vital importance to the EU's energy sovereignty?
2. How will the Commission make up for the delay in setting up wind infrastructure which is supposed to be up and running by 2030?

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