

**Question for written answer E-000755/2023  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Internal combustion engine phase-out and job losses

More than 7 million people are employed in the automotive industry in the EU. Most of these are jobs requiring above-average qualifications. The Commission's planned phase-out of internal combustion engines by 2035 threatens to put hundreds of thousands, and possibly even millions, of jobs at risk and make individual mobility unaffordable for the working middle class. Alongside a number of other problems and challenges – such as the supply chains of certain raw materials for which we are extremely dependent on China, and the environmental issues associated with their extraction – the automotive sector has to wrestle with unfair competition from Chinese brands: Chinese companies get problem-free access to the EU market while access to the Chinese market is subject to a whole host of conditions such as the unacceptable sharing of technology.

1. What measures does the Commission envisage to address the issue of job losses in the automotive sector?
2. Electric cars are not only unaffordable for the middle class, they are also particularly environmentally unfriendly, once account is taken of the mining of the raw materials and the production of the batteries and their dismantling. What measures does the Commission intend to adopt to ensure mobility remains affordable for the working middle class?

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