

**Question for written answer E-001475/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Advantages for Chinese wind turbine producers

According to media reports, European wind turbine producers saw their order volume fall by 47 % last year, while Chinese producer Goldwind alone saw a 70 % increase in orders as a result of unprecedented domestic demand. Chinese producers now hold a majority market share in the wind turbine market¹. Given that the Commission recently set the target of generating 42.5 % of the EU's energy from renewables by 2030, the wind power industry will have to double the number of turbines installed.

1. Is the Commission worried that by setting this renewable energy target, it may leave Member States no choice but to turn to Chinese producers if they want to meet the EU target, and how is it taking this problem into consideration?
2. China now accounts for 63 % of global wind turbine production, while the EU accounts for 15 %. Given that China became the dominant producer of solar panels worldwide in a matter of years, is the Commission preparing for a similar scenario in the EU's domestic wind sector?
3. European producers are hesitant to invest without a clear forecast of EU demand, including because they are under pressure from China's emerging wind industry in other markets. Given that EU rules have contributed to this situation, how will the Commission support EU producers?

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¹ <https://www.lesechos.fr/industrie-services/energie-environnement/eoliennes-les-industriels-europeens-tirent-la-sonnette-dalarme-face-a-la-chine-1940010>.