

**Question for written answer E-001500/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Social and economic consequences of the Matosinhos refinery closure

The negative economic and social impact of the closure of the Matosinhos refinery was visible, for example, in the dismissal of hundreds of workers, from the company Galp as well as from a number of subcontractors. Almost two years later, and at a time when unemployment benefits are about to come to an end, former workers have been left abandoned and without a response.

On several occasions, the Portuguese public authorities (at municipal, regional or national level) have mentioned the possibility of providing a framework for supporting the former workers in the Territorial Just Transition Plans (TJTPs), but such support has not yet materialised.

Thus, the Left Block would like to ask:

1. Have the Portuguese authorities already submitted the Territorial Just Transition Plan that provides a framework for the closure of the Matosinhos refinery and its social and economic consequences?
2. What measures are being taken to address the social and economic situation of the region and former workers, in particular through the use of EU funds (the JTF, but also others, such as the ESF and the EGF)?
3. Are any measures being planned to help former workers find new employment and to respond to their needs?

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