

**Question for written answer E-002303/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Increasing exodus of industry out of Europe

The 24% year-on-year fall in investment in the chemical industry in Germany in 2022 illustrates the increasing exodus of important industries out of Europe¹. Energy prices artificially forced up as a result of EU emissions trading arrangements and a lack of planning certainty in the EU are the primary cause of this²³.

1. What specific measures is the Commission planning to take to speed up the increasing exodus of industry out of Europe?
2. What specific measures is the Commission planning to take to force energy prices up further in Europe and thus make Europe, as a centre for industry, as unattractive as possible?
3. What will be the impact of this deindustrialisation of the EU that the Commission is seeking on value creation in Europe and on employment figures in Europe?

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¹ <https://www.berliner-zeitung.de/wirtschaft-verantwortung/deindustrialisierung-wirtschaft-abwanderung-der-deutschen-industrie-das-ist-ein-neuer-schlag-in-die-magengrube-li.368676>

² <https://www.deutschlandfunk.de/chemiebranche-sieht-deindustrialisierung-in-deutschland-100.html>

³ <https://www.handelsblatt.com/unternehmen/industrie/standort-europa-chemie-industrie-fuerchtet-abwanderung-der-produktion/29114238.html>