

**Question for written answer E-003480/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: ArcelorMittal workers being put in danger at Fos-sur-mer site in France

On 16 June 2023, the French Labour Inspectorate ordered the immediate closure of multinational ArcelorMittal's site in Fos-sur-mer on account of 'serious irregularities affecting workers' health and safety', in particular through exposure to carcinogens. The decision was taken after the inspectorate found the two action plans proposed by the company to remedy the problems to be unsatisfactory<sup>1</sup>.

However, on 6 July 2023, Marseille's administrative court decided to suspend the decision, giving precedence to the freedom of trade and industry over the health of the workers<sup>2</sup>.

Meanwhile, on 20 July 2023, the Commission gave the green light to the French Government to provide ArcelorMittal with a EUR 850 million grant<sup>3</sup>.

In view of the above:

1. Was the Commission aware of the inspectorate's decision when it authorised the grant?
2. Has it requested that ArcelorMittal take measures to protect its workers?
3. With a view to ensuring that recipient companies comply with labour law, what will it do to make having social measures in place a condition for receiving state aid?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.laprovence.com/article/economie/78211050059602/lacierie-darcelormittal-de-fos-mise-a-larret-pour-situation-dangereuse-pour-les-travailleurs>

<sup>2</sup> <http://marseille.tribunal-administratif.fr/A-savoir/Vie-du-tribunal/Communique-de-presse-du-6-juillet-2023>

<sup>3</sup> [https://france.representation.ec.europa.eu/informations/aides-detat-la-commission-autorise-une-mesure-francaise-dun-montant-de-850-millions-deuros-visant-2023-07-20\\_fr](https://france.representation.ec.europa.eu/informations/aides-detat-la-commission-autorise-une-mesure-francaise-dun-montant-de-850-millions-deuros-visant-2023-07-20_fr)