

**Question for written answer E-000330/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Job losses owing to the transition to electric vehicles

By virtue of Regulation (EU) 2023/851, which brings an end to the marketing of internal combustion engines from 2035, the European automotive industry is obliged to embark on a forced change that will put thousands of jobs at risk.

In late January 2024, the German multinational Robert Bosch GmbH, the leading manufacturer of car components, announced that it would cut 1 200 jobs by 2026 owing to transition costs.

Another German company, ZF Friedrichshafen, the world leader of components in the transport industry, also announced that up to 12 000 jobs could be lost for the same reason.

A study by the European Association of Automotive Suppliers found that the balance between jobs lost and gained by the transition to electricity is negative, with 275 000 jobs lost by 2040, of which up to 60 000 will be in Italy.

Can the Commission therefore say:

1. What it will do to address the serious social problems that will arise with the transition to electric?
2. Whether it considers it appropriate to revise certain parts of the 'Fit for 55' package concerning forced conversion to electric cars?
3. With a view to safeguarding thousands of jobs, whether it considers it appropriate to save internal combustion engines by focusing on alternative technologies, such as biofuels?

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