

**Question for written answer E-000526/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: State of affairs at Hutchinson

On 1 February 2024, a large number of factory workers at Hutchinson Borrachas de Portugal Lda, Campo Maior, went on strike. With this strike – the first since this automotive component factory was established in 1999 – the workers reiterated their list of demands for 2024: a fair and dignified increase in their wages, a greater meal allowance, seniority payments, overtime rates for work carried out on Saturdays and on public holidays and an additional day off for workers on their birthday.

This factory belongs to the Hutchinson Group, a multinational corporation that has a presence in more than 25 countries, that generated a revenue of EUR 4.4 billion in 2022 and that forms an integral part of the large multinational corporation Total Energies.

In light of this:

1. Has the Hutchinson Group, or any of its subsidiaries, ever received – or is it currently receiving – any kind of European funding?
2. Does the Commission know if other European factories are facing similar situations? Are workers in any of the group's other factories protesting?

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