

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1696/03
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to the Commission

Subject: European funds and subcontracting

Numerous correspondents have drawn my attention to the planned restructuring within the Arcelor group.

Under this restructuring, two factories in France (Isbergues and Ardoise) are to close, and one new factory at Carlam, Belgium, is to open, thus reducing the total number of jobs in Arcelor. If the Commission is not able to take account of the social consequences of this restructuring as grounds for opposing it, I should like to know whether the Commission can oppose this kind of operation if Arcelor, or the enterprises with which it subcontracts, receive European funding.