

**Question for written answer P-000279/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Employment situation at General Electric - Alstom

After long negotiations and after securing the approval of the Commission on 8 September 2015, the US group General Electric (GE) has completed its acquisition of the energy businesses of the French multinational Alstom group, which has offices or plants in 24 countries across the EU. This acquisition involves all areas of the strategic energy sector, from production to management and the production of renewable energy.

Given that over the past few days GE has presented its integration and reorganisation plan for the businesses it has acquired to trade unions and business organisations in the various countries, and given that this plan will involve the loss of more than 6 400 jobs between 2016 and 2017 (including more than 200 in Italy), can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Was it made aware of this plan at the negotiating stage?
2. Does it consider such a *modus operandi* by General Electric to be acceptable?
3. What measures will it take, should it deem it necessary, to avert this latest loss of jobs in a strategic sector of the European economy, which runs counter to the need for industrial revival and the development of manufacturing and employment in the EU at such a delicate time?