

**Question for written answer P-003578/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Closure of PoliOli S.p.a. in Vercelli

In the summer of 2017, the Swedish chemical multinational Perstorp acquired the Italian company PoliOli and reassured the 72 employees that it would continue production and maintain jobs.

However, at the beginning of June 2018, Perstorp announced its intention to cease production and close the PoliOli factory in Vercelli, without providing any alternative solution for employees except for a severance package of EUR 1000.

It seems clear that Perstorp's aim had been to acquire PoliOli's know-how and above all its customer portfolio, without any desire to maintain production or jobs in Italy.

- 1) Can the Commission verify whether PoliOli has used public funds, whether EU or national, since it was acquired by Perstorp?
- 2) Will it state whether it considers Perstorp's behaviour to be compatible with the EU Treaties and EU legislation and, more generally, whether industrial transfer and relocation practices are compatible with the EU Treaties? Will it consider presenting a legislative initiative on corporate social responsibility?
- 3) Does it believe that, in cases like this, companies should bear the cost of finding alternative jobs for their redundant workforce?