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to the Commission**

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Subject: Support for professions affected by the 2035 expiry date for combustion engines

One of the EU's Green Deal targets is to end the sale of new combustion-engine vehicles in Europe by 2035.

This decision, which is completely unreasonable and totally detached from any scientific basis, will cause many professions in the European combustion-engine sector to disappear.

Every area of professions related to the combustion-engine sector will be heavily affected: engineering, manufacturing, maintenance, logistics, exhaust systems, etc.

According to the French Metallurgy Observatory, manufacturing companies, their sub-contractors and their parts manufacturers could cut 100 000 jobs by 2035 – and this is only the upstream supply chain.

Ultimately, this all-electric policy will expose hundreds of thousands of Europeans, particularly in France, to large-scale layoffs and forced professional retraining, assuming that retraining within the same field is possible for certain professions.

Has the Commission prepared a specific support plan for these industries that have been axed in such an authoritarian way, as well as for the employees for whom professional retraining plans must be provided?

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