

**Question for written answer E-005840/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Pooling of stocks in a virtual capacity reserve for natural gas

The communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament of 28 May 2014 (COM(2014) 330), on a European Energy Security Strategy, refers (p. 5) to 'pooling a minimal part of existing security stocks in a virtual common capacity reserve'.

1. At what level is it proposed that the minimum share ('minimal part') of existing security stocks to be pooled will be set, and according to what parameters will this share, which should be expressed in absolute figures, be determined?
2. What will be the share of the virtual capacity reserve allocated to each Member State?
3. In setting this figure, will an approach be used that takes account of the individual Member States' varying levels of dependence on natural gas imports?