

**Question for written answer E-011142/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: South Stream pipeline project

Early in December, Russia announced its intention to discontinue the 'South Stream' pipeline project for the following reasons: (1) Bulgaria was delaying the construction work; and (2) sanctions had strained relations between Russia and the EU. The words of Russia's President Putin on the subject were: 'If Europe does not want to carry it out, then it will not be carried out.' This means that Russian companies have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in a pipeline project which will break off at the Bulgarian border, without any response to this from the Commission.

How does the Commission view the abandonment of the 'South Stream' project in relation to Europe's security of supply?

What new, alternative pipeline projects is the Commission supporting or sponsoring, for the purpose of European security of supply?

Is the end of the 'South Stream' project affecting the construction of LNG terminals in Europe?