

**Question for written answer E-000470/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: South Stream project

Following the announcement by Russian President Vladimir Putin that Russia is cancelling plans to construct the South Stream gas pipeline across the Black Sea, it is now reported that Gazprom is buying out its German, Italian and French partners in that project.

The cancellation of South Stream leaves the EU exactly where it was before the launch of the project – vulnerable to interruptions in gas supplies because of tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

However, this cancellation could be also an opportunity for the EU.

1. How will the Commission capitalise on this?
2. Is the Commission working to find alternative sources of gas to increase security of gas supply through diversification of supply routes away from Ukraine?