

**Question for written answer E-004300/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Shale gas extraction in Europe

Shale gas, according to the European energy security strategy published by the Commission in March 2014, 'could compensate for declining conventional gas production provided issues of public acceptance and environmental impact are adequately addressed'.

Since the environmental impacts of shale gas development fall under the EU's competence in the environmental field, what is the Commission doing to ensure that the public is adequately informed about the risks of this choice? Is it in favour of more EU legislation on the matter? Does it intend to take action to strengthen scientific/technological knowledge about the risks of shale gas extraction for the environment?