

**Question for written answer E-007595/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Energy Union

The Lisbon Treaty contains a section on energy which, in order to be exploited to the full, is supposed to be supplemented by the strategy for an Energy Union as presented by the Commission on 25 February 2015. However, the criticism may be raised that such a Union provides no added value if it merely duplicates the matters covered in the Treaty.

1. The EU's external energy relations are the aspect most vulnerable to attack. What measures will the Commission take to ensure that the future Energy Union also takes account of all the countries currently associated with the EU in the context of the Energy Community?
2. The internal energy market, which now stretches across 39 countries, continually puts the EU's security of supply to the test. To what extent would an Energy Union primarily, indeed almost exclusively, restricted to EU Member States encourage the accompanying harmonisation of the legal frameworks in other countries?
3. Does the Commission have a strategy to expand the Energy Union and/or Energy Community into a pan-European energy market?