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Subject: District heating

In the Municipality of Rimini (Province of Rimini) over 1 400 households and various public structures are served by a district heating system. The utility is owned and managed by a private group, SGR (Società Gas Rimini) which, in addition to the network, also distributes gas. Many of the homes served were built exclusively to be connected to this system. In a letter to the Mayor, Italy's Antitrust authority has warned against preventing the normal development of the market.

It is important to bear in mind that, given the nature of the turbine cogeneration plant (heat/electricity), SGR purchases gas at a reduced price and sells electricity as well as heat, for which SGR receives incentives and refunds in the form of Green Certificates and Energy Efficiency Certificates and that SGR charged some EUR 1 000 000 of urban infrastructure costs to its customers, without any legal basis, and consumers are still waiting for this to be repaid.

1. That being so, can the Commission state whether SGR's continuing status, due to a structural configuration, as the exclusive supplier to the buildings in question does not go against European free market regulations?
2. Can the Commission also state whether SGR or its subsidiaries have applied for or used European funds for the plant in question and if so how much did these funds amount to?