

**Question for written answer E-011510/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Southern Caspian Sea corridor

Over the past year, the EU has given priority to the southern corridor of the Caspian Sea to reduce dependence on Russian imports. In its Energy Roadmap 2050, the EU says it will reduce its consumption of fossil fuels, meaning that some of its pipeline projects will no longer be profitable and that the money invested (and paid for by taxpayers) in infrastructure will be lost. Claiming it wants to be less dependent on Russia, the EU prefers to rely on Azerbaijan, Iran and Turkmenistan, countries which are both less democratic than Russia and also more remote from its civilisation.

How does the EU intend to overcome this contradiction between the categorical imperative of human rights and the US geostrategic imperative whereby it has to move away from Russia?