

**Question for written answer E-000193/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Commission's stance on Nord Stream 2

It has been reported in the press that representatives of Gazprom, together with West European companies, have signed a shareholders' agreement on the construction of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline. The construction of two pipeline sections from the Russian coast to the German coast is intended to help Russia stop the transit of gas to the EU through Ukraine. This project raises many doubts as to its compatibility with the fundamental principle of energy security, which is to diversify energy supply sources and routes, and with EU competition rules. It should also be remembered that gas trading in Central and Eastern Europe has strategic consequences which go far beyond energy issues.

In light of the above:

1. Has the Commission taken action to unequivocally block any EU assistance for this project, whether financial or in the form of exemptions from the provisions of the third energy package?
2. Does the Commission intend to use its powers, including competition policy instruments, to block this investment?
3. If the project is implemented, what action will the Commission take to ensure that it is in full compliance with EU law, in particular with the third energy package?