

**Question for written answer E-001169/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Nord Stream expansion

On 18 June 2015, Gazprom announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Shell, E.on and OMV for the construction of strings 3 and 4 of Nord Stream, aimed at doubling the current capacity of the corridor running across the Baltic Sea bed and connecting the Russian terminal of Vyborg to Germany.

This expansion of Nord Stream's capacity will mean increased dependence on Russian gas. Even if the deal does not necessarily jeopardise the EU's objective of moving towards a more integrated gas framework, a discussion on priorities is very much needed.

In view of the memorandum of understanding and the need to move forward with the Energy Union agenda, does the Commission intend to enhance the dialogue among the Baltic states in order to reach a consensus on the Nord Stream expansion?