

**Question for written answer E-004969/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Anti-fracking movement, Russia and energy security

Reports that Russia is financing the anti-fracking movement have appeared in both the United States ('Forbes', March 2015) and Europe ('The Financial Times', June 2014).

In view of Europe's energy dependency, particularly on oil and natural gas, supplies of which come mainly from Russia, and the fact that Europe's energy security is being threatened by the unjustified public discrediting of potentially efficient and secure energy sources (in particular, points 5, 6 and 7 of the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council on European energy security):

1. Is the Commission aware that Russia is continuing to fund anti-fracking movements in Europe?
2. Does the Commission have a plan prepared through which to respond to distorted public perceptions of energy sources of this kind?