

**Question for written answer E-006143/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Full deregulation of network industries in Slovakia

The Slovak Regulatory Office for Network Industries (URSO) claims that full deregulation – i.e. including deregulation for small businesses and households – of network industries is not currently possible in Slovakia. The document 'Regulatory policy for the regulatory period 2017-2021', which concerns liberalisation of the energy market, inter alia, states: 'The Slovak Republic, as a Member State of the European Union, is constantly confronted with demands from certain energy market participants and lobbying groups for the full deregulation of prices.' According to the aforementioned document, URSO decided on a further five-year period of regulation.

Would immediate energy market liberalisation be beneficial for Slovakia?

Is the Commission aware of any reasons for which the deregulation of Slovak network industries would not be possible?