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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU financing, assistance and support for Ukraine

In 2015, the Commission concluded an agreement with Ukraine and Russia for the supply of Russian gas to Europe: Ukraine agreed to direct 2 bcm of gas into underground storage by October 2015, for which it received international financing, guaranteed by the EIB to a value of USD 250. According to AGSI data¹, the volume of gas in Ukrainian storage only increased by 1.53 bcm during the period in question.

Given that the Commission intends to enter into further gas agreements with Ukraine this year, what measures will it take to ensure that agreement deadlines are upheld?

According to the latest report by the European Court of Auditors, the Ukrainian authorities are merging the substantial EU budget support funds in an extra-budgetary fund. Szabolcs Fazakas, who led the audit, said that it was impossible to say how Ukraine had spent the money².

Would the Commission not say that this represents sufficient grounds to suspend any allocation of funds to Ukraine?

¹ <https://agsi.gie.eu/#/graphs//UA>

² <http://www.euractiv.com/section/europe-s-east/news/court-of-auditors-unable-to-say-how-eu-money-was-spent-in-ukraine/>