

**Question for written answer E-004257/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Threat posed by the Tihange 2 and Doel nuclear reactors

On 25 June 2017, more than 50 000 German, Dutch and Belgian citizens, forming a 90-kilometre cross-border human chain, demonstrated for the Belgian nuclear reactors Tihange 2 and Doel to be shut down immediately. The reactors in question, operated by Electrabel, went back on stream at the end of 2015 with a life extension until 2025 after they had been closed down for two years because of the thousands of cracks discovered in their pressure vessels. Neighbouring countries such as the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Germany are deeply concerned about the state and age of the plants.

In view of the above, will the Commission say

- Is it aware of the strong concerns raised about the state and the age of these nuclear reactors, especially at a time when many Member States are deciding to phase out their dependence on nuclear energy? And if so, is it monitoring and approving environmental studies on the matter, does it endorse the Belgian government's decision to extend the reactors' life by 10 years and have studies have been carried out on the impact a possible accident may have on neighbouring countries (the Netherlands, Germany and Luxembourg)?