

**Question for written answer E-001419/2012  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Compliance with the early warning mechanism between the EU and Russia in relation to the Regulation on Gas Supply Security

On 3 February 2012, gas supplies to several EU countries were reduced, namely Poland, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece and Italy. European Commission data show that up to 30% less gas is reaching Austria, 24% less reaching Italy and 8% less reaching Poland.

1. In the days preceding the reduction in gas supplies, did the Commission receive notification through the early warning mechanism of a potential risk that EU gas supplies would be suspended?
2. In light of existing cooperation with Russia, how does the Commission evaluate the implementation of strategies introduced by Regulation COM(2009)0363 concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply ?