

**Question for written answer E-001662/2013
to the Commission**

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Subject: Gazprom's position in the European market

In the past two years Gazprom have made many acquisitions in the European energy market. In 2011 Gazprom Schweiz bought GWH Gashandel GmbH (Austria) and Promgas (Italy). In addition, the Russian group has made significant investments in the upstream sector, acquiring stakes in gas deposits in, among other places, Germany and the North Sea (including the Middelie and Emerald deposits).

At the same time it is attempting to block investments connected with potential alternative gas supplies (e.g. the Trans-Caspian and Nabucco pipelines).

1. How does the Commission assess Gazprom's involvement in EU markets?
2. What measures is the Commission taking to increase competitiveness in the transmission and trading of gas for Europe?
3. How has the Commission reacted to Gazprom's attempts to restrict opportunities for developing real competition in the gas market?
4. Why did the Commission approve Gazprom's acquisitions of GWH Gashandel GmbH (Austria) and Promgas (Italy)?