

**Question for written answer E-003598/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Statement by Commissioner Oettinger on shale gas during parliamentary debate on 2050 Roadmap

During the debate on 11 March 2013 on Parliament's report on the Commission's 2050 Roadmap, Commissioner Oettinger expressed the view that the EU's consumption of natural gas will increase to about 600 billion cubic metres (bcm) per year, adding that 10-15% of the EU's demand for gas could be delivered from domestically produced shale gas.

What is the source for Commissioner Oettinger's claim that the commercial production of shale gas could amount to 60-90 bcm per year (i.e. 10-15 % of 600 bcm)? When will these large volumes of European shale gas come to the market?

Has the Commission made an assessment of how many shale gas wells would need to be drilled in the EU in order to secure, over a period of 10 years (e.g. 2025-2035), an annual delivery on the EU's gas market of 60-90 bcm of natural gas from unconventional gas supplies within the EU?