

**Question for written answer E-000636/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Single market in energy

We are talking about the importance of creating a genuine single market in energy in the EU.

At the same time, some Member States (like the UK) are pressing ahead with shale gas exploration, while others (like France) have firmly decided against it.

It is consistent to have a single market where all Member States have similar access to an energy resource like gas, but only a few of them actually exploit it? Does this not give an unfair advantage to those who expect to buy the gas but decline to produce it?