

**Question for written answer E-011976/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Regional operational centres to manage cross-border gas flows, as referred to in the Energy Union Package communication

The Energy Union Package communication published by the Commission on 25 February 2015 outlines a framework strategy for developing an Energy Union. This strategy is based on a series of actions, plans and recommendations covering five areas:

- energy security,
- a fully integrated European energy market,
- energy efficiency,
- decarbonising the economy,
- research, innovation and competitiveness.

Given that the communication is rather vague and there is no clear separation between issues relating to the gas market and those relating to the electricity market, further information is required in order to ensure that there are no doubts as to what is involved.

The communication states that 'regional operational centres will have to be created, so that they can effectively plan and manage cross-border electricity and gas flows'.

- What methods and procedures will be used to create regional operational centres to plan and manage cross-border gas flows?
- According to what criteria will the locations for the operational centres be chosen?