

**Question for written answer E-003988/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: Commission's stance on the construction of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline

On 25 June, the Polish Minister for Investment and Development, Jerzy Kwieciński, met with Ivanna Klymush-Tsintsadze, Deputy Prime Minister for Integration of Ukraine. These representatives of Poland and Ukraine stressed that the two countries would be opposed to the construction of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which they believe poses a threat to EU countries. What is more, the media have reported that the construction of the pipeline has caused environmental pollution. The news portal energetyka24.com wrote that 'At the end of May, residents in areas situated near the Bay of Greifswald began to systematically report pink-purple lumps of oil, some as large as tennis balls, thrown up onto the shores. Many of these lumps appeared in areas protected under the Natura 2000 programme.'

In the light of the above, I would like to ask the following:

- 1) Does the Commission support Poland and Ukraine's view that construction on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline should be brought to a halt?
- 2) Will action be taken to seek an explanation for the environmental pollution reported during works on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline?