

**Question for written answer E-001175/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: The EU should invest in energy infrastructure in Cyprus

In addition to existing natural gas deposits discovered there several years ago, new exploitable reserves were recently located in the Cyprus EEZ by the ExxonMobil company.

This discovery places the energy situation in the Eastern Mediterranean in a new light, and bearing in mind that Cypriot natural gas deposits also form part of the EU's energy resources, I believe that the time has come for the EU to support and strengthen Cyprus' energy policy.

The Eastern Mediterranean appears to be an important alternative energy source for the EU. Major infrastructure is needed to make the most of its energy resources; however, as a small country, Cyprus cannot provide it on its own.

Among other vital energy infrastructure projects, the construction of a natural gas liquefaction plant in Cyprus is of particular importance and will also contribute to EU planning.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission propose to finance projects like the construction of a natural gas liquefaction plant that could be of great importance to the EU?
2. What is its assessment of recent developments in the energy sector in the Eastern Mediterranean?