

**Question for written answer E-004970/2021**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Lack of gas in storage facilities in the EU owned by Gazprom

Data shows that low winter reserves were one of the driving forces behind a sudden and sharp price increase in natural gas in the EU, and hence the rise in electricity prices.

In view of this phenomenon:

1. Is the current level of cooperation between the Member States in the field of gas storage adequate, including as regards the exchange of data; if not, will the Commission address the lack of coordination and data sharing in the field of gas storage, for example by reviewing the GAS SOS Regulation?
2. Does the Commission have any gas supply plans for the operators of gas storage facilities ahead of the winter season? If so, are the actual figures on gas supply to these storage facilities in line with those plans?
3. As the findings show that the level of stored gas has been considerably lower in the storage facilities owned by the Russian company Gazprom compared to the storage facilities of other owners, does the Commission have an explanation for this and does it plan to respond to it with a view to strengthening gas security in the EU?