

**Question for written answer E-000809/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Planned regulation of cryptocurrencies, in particular a ban on bitcoin

S&D, Green and Left representatives on the ECON committee have raised the issue of a ban on bitcoin<sup>1</sup>. In support of this, they cite the high power consumption of the proof-of-work process on which bitcoin is based.

The Commission, too, has already signalled in a reply to me<sup>2</sup> that it is looking into the energy consumption of bitcoin.

1. To what extent does the Commission back the abovementioned call for a ban on bitcoin?
2. To what extent is the Commission planning to promote cryptocurrency payment operations?
3. How does the Commission view the EU's competitiveness, compared to the rest of the world, as regards the mining, development and use of cryptocurrencies?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.btc-echo.de/news/bitcoin-spd-gruene-und-linke-fordern-verbot-in-der-eu-135678/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-002829-ASW\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-002829-ASW_EN.html)