

**Question for written answer E-001023/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commissioning of the regasification plant in El Musel (Gijón) to give the EU greater energy autonomy

Given the exceptional energy crisis Europe is going through at the moment, and in light of the presentation by the Commission of the REPowerEU programme, the EU needs to have all the means possible at its disposal to combat dependency on Russian gas. The El Musel regasification plant in Gijón, Spain, has sat unused since its completion a decade ago. The delivery of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Asturias' port of Gijón should now be made a priority, as this would provide another gas entry point in the north of Spain as well as storage capacity for 174 million cubic metres of gas.

Looking to the future, the plant could also be used for the transfer and storage of green hydrogen, an option Asturias would find especially interesting on account of its industrial capacity. We cannot wait any longer, therefore, before ending the plant's hibernation and putting it to work.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission consider the commissioning of the El Musel regasification plant to be a priority?
2. What role could the plant play in further developing decarbonised industry in Asturias?