

**Question for written answer E-001058/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Soaring energy prices and the EU's response

In the light of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the security of energy supply to the EU is hanging by a thread and energy prices have skyrocketed to unprecedented levels. On 8 March 2022, the Commission announced a plan to make the EU independent from Russian fossil fuels and to mitigate high prices, outlining specific measures that Member States can take unilaterally. However, on the same day, in retaliation for Moscow's ongoing attack on Ukraine, the President of the United States, Joe Biden, decided to ban imports of Russian oil, thus pushing the price of crude oil to soar to USD 133 a barrel. It appears likely, therefore, that unilateral measures taken by Member States will not have an impact on the global energy prices.

1. What initiatives is the Commission planning to guarantee better oil prices and alternative sources of supply of crude oil?
2. Will the Commission follow the example of the US and try to influence OPEC countries to ramp up production, thus attempting to control global oil prices?