Pursuant to the Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action, the Commission collects data on energy subsidies, including fossil fuels in the EU Member States and on Member States’ progress to phase them out. This database collects information on the time horizon (years), economic sectors, energy carriers, type of subsidy measure (e.g. tax exemptions, grants, feed-in tariffs, etc.) and the source of financing on an yearly basis.

The data collection on subsidies, including on research projects and public private partnerships, focusses on individual subsidies that donors provide to the final consumers. The State aid provided by these national or regional authorities is not received by the Russian energy suppliers, but directly by final consumers of energy products, irrespective of the place of origin of such products.

The Commission did not fund any Russian entity through research projects on oil, gas and coal under the research and innovation framework programmes and the Research Fund for Coal and Steel over the past ten years. Moreover, the participation of Russian entities in research grants was stopped since the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

As stated in REPowerEU, the EU plans to phase out fossil fuel imports from Russia. By the end of 2022, the plan foresees a reduction of fossil fuel consumption equalling two thirds of the Russian gas imports and all fossil fuel imports of Russian origin should be phased out well before 2030. To support the achievement of the REPowerEU objectives, Member States are encouraged to consider additional tax measures inter alia those linked to the phase-out of environmentally harmful subsidies (e.g. subsidies to fossil fuel boilers).

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2 Subsidies in this report are defined following the methodology set forth by the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/scm_e/scm_e.htm
3 National or regional state budgets, European funds, etc.
4 7th Framework Programme, Horizon 2020, Horizon Europe.
5 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2022%3A230%3AFIN&qid=1653033742483