

**Question for written answer E-002053/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Has the Commission considered what the impact of stopping Russian gas and oil imports will be on European citizens?

The Commission's plan to completely halt Russian energy imports by 2027, including cutting gas imports by two thirds before the end of 2022, has not been subject to an economic impact assessment¹.

Furthermore, the day after the announcement of measures to stop 90% of Russian oil imports before the end of 2022, the euro fell 0.46% against the US dollar owing to investor uncertainty over the EU economy.

With annual inflation in the euro area already at 8.1% in May 2022, it is clear that stopping oil imports will further increase energy prices across Europe.

The disruption caused by halting these imports could well lead to economic and social chaos.

In the light of the above, I should like the Commission to answer the following questions:

1. Why has no impact assessment been carried out on the implications of cutting Russian gas imports by two thirds?
2. Will the agreement on reducing Russian oil imports by 90% be subject to an impact assessment?
3. What measures are planned to mitigate the consequences of the sanctions agreed by the EU, namely the risk of businesses going bust and European households being pushed into poverty?

¹ <https://www.euractiv.fr/section/energie/news/lue-admet-que-limpact-dune-reduction-de-2-3-du-gaz-russe-%e2%80%89na-pas-ete-evalue%e2%80%89/>