

**Question for written answer E-002084/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: The EastMed gas pipeline project

In April 2022 the United States of America stated that it was withdrawing from the EastMed gas pipeline project. The reasons it gave for its decision included environmental concerns, cost-effectiveness and the project's feasibility. The project's go-ahead therefore seems more uncertain. Turkey is naturally pleased that the project is now compromised and might not go ahead at all. The purpose of the project was to lessen dependence on Russian gas.

1. How does the Commission intend to ensure that the project goes ahead?
2. Does the Commission intend to use its influence to enable the US contribution to be bought off, perhaps, so that the United States cannot prevent the project's go-ahead?