

**Question for written answer E-002468/2022  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Coal production in the context of the energy crisis

In the context of the war started by the Russian Federation, and given the possibility of Russian gas imports ending completely, the state of energy reserves across the European Union is worrying, to say the least.

In addition to stockpiling for the coming winter, some Member States are also considering postponing the closure of coal-fired power stations or reopening ones that have been closed to meet the climate objectives.

Romania, for example, has planned to close its coal-fired power stations by 2032, with most of them expected to be shut down by 2026.

In view of this, can the Commission state:

1. Whether, given the current situation, it has plans to encourage coal production in the Member States so as to prevent the energy crisis from worsening?
2. What amount has been allocated to Romania through the NRRP and the Just Transition Fund for abandoning its coal-fired power stations? Will that amount be affected if Romania temporarily resumes coal-based energy production?