

**Question for written answer E-002869/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Breaches of the EU's sanction regime against Russia by TotalEnergies

On 24 August 2022, *Le Monde*¹ reported that TotalEnergies and its Russian partner Novatek extract a liquid hydrocarbon, which once transformed into kerosene, is used by Russian combat aircraft engaged in the war in Ukraine. TotalEnergies, via Ternertegaz, accelerated deliveries to military bases after the bombing of civilians in Mariupol. TotalEnergies continues working with Novatek even though one of its major stakeholders, Guennadi Timtchenko, was added to the EU sanctions list after the invasion of Ukraine. TotalEnergies transfers sensitive technologies to Novatek, and helps it avoid sanctions and obtain funding for common projects.

Given this:

1. Will the Commission, as the guardian of the treaties, initiate an investigation into whether TotalEnergies and France have breached the EU's sanction regime in violation of Article 24(3) of the Treaty on European Union?
2. Will the Commission investigate and clarify whether companies involved in breaches of the EU's sanction regime are putting at risk the military and energy security of the EU, its spirit of loyalty, mutual solidarity and the single market, and will it launch an infringement procedure against these companies and the Member State which has holdings in them?
3. If it is confirmed that there have been breaches of the EU sanction regime, what kind of infringement procedure will the Commission initiate and how will it prevent such breaches?

¹ Comment le gaz de TotalEnergies sert de carburant aux avions de combat russes en Ukraine, *Le Monde*, 24/08/2022, https://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2022/08/24/comment-le-gaz-de-totalenergies-sert-de-carburant-aux-avions-de-combat-russes-en-ukraine_6138867_3210.html