

**Question for written answer E-002906/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Short-term measures to tackle rising energy prices

A great number of citizens across the EU are facing extreme hikes in energy prices. With that in mind, some governments are proposing to decouple electricity and gas prices. The idea of introducing a price cap for gas delivered via European gas pipelines and LNG terminals is also being considered. And, on the electricity front, there are calls to reduce the input costs of fossil fuel-fired power stations, as has already been done in Spain and Portugal with the approval of the Commission.

1. Is the Commission considering temporarily decoupling electricity and gas prices? What effect would this have in practice?
2. Can the Commission temporarily extend the authorisation for price intervention in the wholesale electricity market granted to Spain and Portugal to the entire EU?