

**Question for written answer E-003120/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Rising electricity costs

With the onset of winter, the EU, the world's largest importer of energy raw materials, is now having to cope with a deepening energy crisis and rising electricity costs fuelled by the ongoing hostilities and seriously aggravated by its dependence on third parties. Experts are expressing concerns and uncertainty regarding the immediate and longer-term impact on international gas and oil markets, forecasting further price increases over the winter.

1. In view of this, can the Commission say what measures it plans to take to cap prices and ensure sufficient reserves?
2. What action can be taken by households and businesses to protect themselves?