

**Question for written answer E-003248/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Expected impact of sanctions on energy

Since the Russia-Ukraine conflict began, the European Union has opted for a sanctions-based approach towards Russia. This policy has led to a drastic reduction in the amount of gas we buy from Russia.

The EU is now on the verge of running out of energy: factories are already shutting down and employees are being put on short-time because of the massive energy price hikes in several countries. Some European governments think they might even have to resort to power and gas cuts this winter. Meanwhile, electricity generation at nuclear power plants in the EU fell by 25.2 % between 2006 and 2020.

As these dramatic circumstances are the result of political decisions, EU citizens have the right to know who is responsible.

1. When choosing to take a stand against Russia, what sort of impact did the Commission expect there to be on EU citizens in terms of energy?
2. With regard to this sanctions policy, which I don't support, what does the Commission intend to do about the anti-nuclear environmental associations within the EU that have been financed by Russia or Russian gas companies like Gazprom?