

**Question for written answer E-003469/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: German gas storage facility in Austria

The agreement reached by the Member States to reduce their gas usage shows the difficulty of formulating and implementing EU-wide policy in times of crisis.

In addition, the unilateral decision by the Austrian Government to connect its own grid to the Haidach gas storage facility, to the detriment of German consumers, appears to confirm that national interests far outweigh EU solidarity.

Does the Commission consider the action taken by the Austrian Government to be fair and equitable, and does the patchwork agreement to cut gas usage demonstrate that the nation state is the only viable level of governance in times of crisis?