

**Question for written answer E-003552/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Impact of diesel shortage

There are major concerns within the European Union about a looming diesel shortage and extremely high diesel prices due to new sanctions against Russia. Prices at the pump could possibly even rise as far as EUR 3 per litre. This affects consumers and many (crucial) sectors, such as the emergency services.

1. To what extent does the Commission foresee a diesel shortage in the European Union and what is the Commission doing to prevent shortages and extremely high prices in the Member States?
2. What options does the Commission see for accommodating consumers and businesses affected by extremely high diesel prices, for example by tying such costs in with road tax rates for diesel vehicles in Member States?
3. What is the Commission doing internationally to ensure a good and fair distribution of supplies and how will it prevent Russian oil and diesel from still coming into the EU, for example via other countries or after blending?

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