

**Question for written answer E-001135/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Inflation

Inflation has slowed considerably in the US, having already dropped to 6.5 % in January. This was already the sixth month in a row that inflation eased. Inflation also fell in the EU at the turn of the year, but it still remains above 10 %. And this is only the European average: In December, the inflation rate was 25 % in Hungary, in Latvia and Lithuania it was above 20 % and in Poland, the Czech Republic and Estonia it was above 15 %.

1. How does the Commission explain the fact that inflation has been decreasing faster in the US than in the EU for some time now and why is inflation in the EU still significantly higher than in the US?
2. The price of diesel in America corresponds to EUR 1.118 per litre. By comparison: The European country with the cheapest diesel prices is Slovenia at EUR 1.30 per litre. In Germany the price per litre is EUR 1.84 and in Denmark it is as much as EUR 2.04 per litre. How does the Commission account for the staggering differences in fuel prices?
3. Does the Commission think that the European sanctions against Russia are contributing to the fact that the EU Member States are faring far worse than America in this crisis?

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