

**Question for written answer E-002299/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EU-Azerbaijan gas deal

In July 2022, the EU and Azerbaijan signed a memorandum of understanding that envisages EU imports of natural gas from Azerbaijan doubling by 2027.

1. What is the Commission's view on the risk of Azerbaijan selling natural gas to the EU and importing it from Russia for its own consumption, which would be a circumvention of the ban on importing Russian natural gas into the EU?
2. What is it doing to ensure that no sanction evasion takes place through the EU-Azerbaijan gas deal?

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