

**Question for written answer E-003120/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: The consequences of a 'dry out' situation in the energy market

According to the Annual Report of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre for 2022, a 'dry out' exercise was carried out on 7-8 December 2022 in order to test the EU's operational readiness for a gas crisis, including in the event of a total interruption in the supply of gas from Russia and other hypothetical interruptions in supply sources and interconnections.

According to the report, the exercise showed that the Member States and the Commission are prepared for a potential gas crisis, but there are still some issues that need to be assessed. In this regard, could the Commission clarify:

1. The exact steps to be taken in the event of a total interruption in the supply of gas from Russia?
2. What is the estimated financial impact of such an interruption, in both the short and the long term?
3. Since Romania was an active participant in the 'dry out' exercise, what specific consequences would arise in Romania's situation?

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