

**Question for written answer E-003477/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The Turkish-Bulgarian gas deal (1)

Bulgaria's current Prime Minister and Energy Minister have both spoken publicly of their concerns about an agreement signed in January 2023 between Bulgaria's Bulgargaz and Bulgartransgaz and the Turkish state-owned company Botaş.

The agreement is regarded as allowing rebranded Russian gas to be imported into the EU and as being potentially calamitous for Bulgaria's economy.

In this context:

1. Can the Commission indicate its thinking on the gas deal?
2. Can it share when it was first made aware of the deal?
3. Can it give its view on the level of power the agreement gives Turkish President Erdoğan to influence EU energy?

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