

**Question for written answer E-000225/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: The role of the EU in energy planning

The Republic of Cyprus' hydrocarbon reserves are very promising and can help the EU become energy independent.

As is known, Türkiye is calling into question the Cypriot EEZ and at the same time is seeking to control the energy corridors of Central Asia with the aim of gaining greater bargaining power against the EU. I stress the word 'against' because Ankara has, on a number of occasions, adopted a forceful and threatening stance when negotiating its path towards accession. Ankara's attempts to become an energy corridor via Asian countries and a transportation corridor for natural gas from the Cypriot EEZ via the occupied territories in Cyprus are of strategic importance.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say what steps it is taking to safeguard the EEZ of an EU Member State?
2. Is it considering ways of ensuring that the EU does not find itself in a tight spot in the event that Türkiye manages to strengthen its position and take a lead role in energy distribution?

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