

ORAL QUESTION H-0106/09  
for Question Time at the part-session in March I 2009  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Opening of the 'energy' chapter in the accession negotiations with Turkey

The recent gas crisis between Russia and Ukraine demonstrated once again the importance of diversifying the EU's energy sources and energy supply routes. Turkey is a strategic transit country and, in this respect as well, of vital importance to the EU's energy security. It is all the more vital, therefore, that the EU's negotiations with Turkey on the 'energy' chapter should continue unhampered and not be blocked by certain Member States on political grounds.

Will the Commission take steps to ensure that this negotiating chapter is opened? Can it indicate a time-frame? What is the most serious obstacle to the full opening of the 'energy' negotiating chapter?

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