

**Priority question for written answer P-003440/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Announcement of the date of the second ENSREG mission and its final report, and follow-up on the safety of Astravets NPP

Since 3 March 2021, when the ENSREG experts published their preliminary report on the review of the implementation of the stress test recommendations for the Belarusian NPP, the Commission does not seem to have provided any new information on the state of play of efforts to ensure the safety of the Astravets NPP. The conclusions of the preliminary report foresee that the second mission and the final report will be implemented in spring or summer 2021, but there is no available information on the exact timing. In the meantime, it has already been announced that the physical commissioning of the second reactor is planned for autumn 2021. Moreover, on 2 June 2021, in contravention of the 2018 EU Stress Test Assessment Report, the Department of Nuclear and Radiation Safety of the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus issued a permit for the start of industrial power generation at the first unit of the Astravets NPP, even though not all the safety recommendations have been met.

Could the Commission please answer the following questions?

1. Is there a specific or at least tentative deadline for the planned second ENSREG mission to Astravets NPP and for the drafting of its final report?
2. Will the implementation of measures to prevent the entry into the EU market of electricity produced in third country nuclear facilities that do not comply with EU safety requirements continue to be pursued?
3. What is the way forward after the second reactor of the Astravets NPP is put into industrial operation? Are there plans for potential future fact-finding missions to ensure safety?