

**Priority question for written answer P-004934/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: The Commission's reaction to Russia's perpetration of the gas crisis in Moldova

Russian gas giant Gazprom has suggested that Moldova change its free trade deal with the EU and delay energy market reforms in exchange for cheaper gas from Russia. Gazprom has perpetrated the ongoing gas crisis in Moldova, as it cut supplies to the country last month after the lapse of their bilateral contract. The Kremlin has demanded more than double the initial agreed price as the condition for providing gas to Moldova.

1. How will the Commission react to Russia's attempt to undermine Moldova's participation in the deep and comprehensive free trade area? Will it consider introducing additional sanctions against Russia in response to these actions?
2. Will it ask Germany to activate the US-Germany memorandum of understanding on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that pledges joint action to ensure that Russia will not misuse any pipelines, including Nord Stream 2, to achieve aggressive political ends through the use of energy as a weapon?