

**Priority question for written answer P-005007/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Gas crisis in the EU neighborhood – EU response to geopolitical blackmailing by Russia

The Russian Government is allegedly using Gazprom and its gas supplies as a geopolitical tool during an energy crisis and a time of hardship for citizens across the EU and its neighborhood. Indeed, according to the Financial Times, Gazprom allegedly offered Moldova a new gas deal in exchange for weaker EU ties and delayed implementation of EU gas market liberalisation rules in the country<sup>1</sup>.

1. Could the Commission highlight how it plans to reduce the tensions and pressures on the Moldavian Government and people that prevent them from freely getting closer to the EU and choosing their international partners?
2. If the allegations outlined in the Financial Times article are confirmed, what additional measures will the Commission implement to sanction this unethical behavior?
3. In 2012, the Commission initiated an anti-monopoly investigation against Gazprom, which led in 2018 to a settlement and did result in any penalty on the company. Does the Commission intend to resume or reinvestigate Gazprom's potential abuse of its position in the European gas market?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ft.com/content/138a0815-98bd-42b8-b895-49e89b980a99>