

**Priority question for written answer P-001294/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: A joint gas purchasing platform for the EU

Joint gas purchasing platforms could prove to be a significant step forward¹. The looming scarcity of gas, due in large part to the war in Ukraine, is quickly pushing up prices. And of course Sweden, together with the other Member States, would prefer not to do business with Vladimir Putin's Russia at all.

With regard to the creation of the joint gas purchasing platform, which the Commission referred to in its recent communication on joint European action for energy²:

1. will the Commission ensure that there is more transparency on where and under what conditions the gas comes from?
2. who would negotiate the joint gas purchasing platform? Does the Commission agree that the negotiations should not be left only to EU officials, but should also involve experts on gas, liquefied natural gas and hydrogen?
3. has the Commission learnt from the UK's approach last year when it purchased vaccines on the advice of Kate Bingham, who had considerable experience as an investor in the life sciences sector? Does the Commission agree that this gave the UK an advantage over the EU? If so, how will the Commission prevent a similar situation with the joint gas purchasing platform?

¹ <https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy/opinion/joint-gas-purchasing-could-be-a-breakthrough>

² Commission communication of 8 March 2022 entitled 'REPowerEU: Joint European Action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy' (COM(2022)0108).