The REPowerEU Plan¹, adopted by the Commission on 18 May 2022, is about rapidly reducing our dependence on Russian fossil fuels by fast forwarding the clean transition and joining forces to achieve a more resilient energy system and a true Energy Union. It also proposes focusing on critical raw materials to strengthen the value chains. The Commission will see with the Member States, amongst others in the context of recovery and resilience plans, how the phase out of Russian fossil fuel imports can be best addressed at Member State and EU level. Measures may comprise energy savings, supply diversification, accelerating clean energy transition and smart combination of investments and reforms. Discussions are ongoing with the authorities, as with other energy market stakeholders in Hungary and in the broader region.

The European Commission is in regular contact with Hungary regarding the energy situation and its dependence on Russian fossil fuels. Short and mid-term measures reducing Hungary’s reliance on Russian fossil fuel are being discussed, ranging from oil infrastructure and refinery upgrades to the electricity, gas and transport sectors. For Hungary, bringing forward the expansion of the capacity of the LNG² terminal in Krk, originally planned to be operational by 2029, would help in mitigating Russian supply dependence, but it would also be necessary to enhance the Croatian transmission grid.

Investments in solar power capacity, electricity grid, energy efficiency and hydrogen as foreseen in the REPower EU would support Hungary in accelerating its green transition and in reducing its dependence on Russian fossil fuels.

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² Liquified natural gas