

**Priority question for written answer P-001678/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

**Csaba Molnár (S&D)**

Subject: Hungary's efforts towards energy independence

The war of aggression launched by the Russian President and the war crimes committed by the Russian army have made it even more urgent for the European Union to eliminate dependence on Russian energy. This is because ending the EU's dependence on Russian energy – in addition to facilitating the restoration of peace and Ukraine's territorial integrity – would also constitute a significant step towards the sustainable development of Europe's economy, a safer supply for citizens of Europe, and a strengthening of the European Union's strategic independence.

Russia has proven that: it is an unreliable partner, both as a raw material supplier and otherwise. What is more, it is using its mineral resources with particularly hostile intentions to weaken the European Union and its Member States.

Knowing this, one after the other European governments have announced in recent weeks that they are taking measures to replace Russian raw material imports with other sources. The only government that is deeply silent in this matter is Orbán's government in Hungary.

In the light of the above, and to obtain the most comprehensive information, I ask the Commission

1. What specific steps is it aware of in the individual EU states to eliminate dependence on Russian energy and raw materials?
2. Has it been informed about any government measures from Hungary which would facilitate the reduction of Hungary's dependence on Russian energy, and if so, what are those steps and when will they be implemented?
3. Has it been informed of any Hungarian government action to help prepare and implement the EU's planned joint action in this area?