

**Priority question for written answer P-002604/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The Commission's position on a possible bailout of Uniper by the German Government

Numerous sources have reported that the German energy company Uniper has been in talks with the German Government on a possible bailout. A spokesperson from the German Ministry for Economic Affairs has confirmed this.

Uniper's shares are down by more than 60 % since the beginning of the year. The company claims that its financial troubles have mostly been caused by Russia, which has only delivered 40 % of the natural gas on which the parties had agreed.

Uniper is a business partner of Nord Stream. The company decided to make a deal with the devil despite Russia's obvious strategy of using energy to blackmail other states, finance Russia's wars and promote the Kremlin's revisionist agenda.

Uniper should not be allowed a bailout, because such a move would set a dangerous precedent. A bailout would also essentially be seen as a reward for shady economic deals that undermine Europe's energy security.

In the light of the above:

1. Has the Commission been informed about the talks by the German Government?
2. What is its assessment of this possible bailout?
3. Does it agree that a bailout would breach EU law with regard to State aid?