

**Priority question for written answer P-002664/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: GALSI project: Commission to explain reasons for implementation delay

GALSI, which stands for 'Gasdotto Algeria Sardegna Italia', is a planned pipeline, conceived in early 2000, that would import 8 billion cubic metres of natural gas from Algeria to Italy each year.

Roughly 830 km long, the pipeline was to follow a route that would start from a station in Algeria, cross Sardinia and reach Tuscany, close to Piombino.

Having received EUR 120 million under the 'Programme to aid economic recovery by granting Community financial assistance to projects in the field of energy', GALSI would appear to be among the EU's priority infrastructure projects.

In response to a recent question raised in the Regional Council, the current Regional Minister of the Region of Tuscany said that on 1 March 2021 Italy's Ministry of Ecological Transition had ordered that the authorisation procedure for the GALSI project be shelved.

In view of the above:

1. Can the Commission say at what stage is the planning of the GALSI pipeline and why it has not been built?
2. Can it state what EU funds had been allocated, and how, if applicable, these resources were redirected after the project was brought to a halt?
3. In the light of the current serious energy crisis and with a view to diversifying supplies, particularly of gas, would it be possible to reconsider implementing the GALSI project?