

**Priority question for written answer P-002870/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EU Norwegian joint communiqué

The recent joint EU-Norway communiqué, signed by the Norwegian Minister of Petroleum and Energy and on behalf of the EU by Vice-President Frans Timmermans and Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson, regarding strengthening energy cooperation with Norway, included the following highly concerning paragraph:

'Recognising that Norway has significant remaining oil and gas resources and can, through continued exploration, new discoveries and field developments, continue to be a large supplier to Europe also in the long term beyond 2030. The EU supports Norway's continued exploration and investments to bring oil and gas to the European market'.

1. Is the Commission unaware that any field discovered as of today will not enter into production until 15-17 years later and that at that point, it is inconceivable that the EU will need increased imports from Norway?
2. Does it truly think that the exploration of new gas fields is compatible with reaching its net zero goal by 2050 and limiting climate change to 1.5 degrees?
3. Can it scientifically substantiate the claim that average CO<sub>2</sub> and methane emissions from the production of oil and gas in Norway are low in a global context (less than half of the global average)?