

**Priority question for written answer P-000651/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Coking coal and the list of critical raw materials

The Commission is preparing a new list of critical raw materials (CRMs) in the EU, which will form part of a new regulation. One item that has featured on previous CRM lists is coking coal, a raw material that is essential for steel production. Further extraction of this raw material in the EU is potentially endangered by the restrictions laid down by the proposed regulation on methane emissions reduction<sup>1</sup>.

1. Has the Commission assessed the impact that coking coal's exclusion from the CRM list would have on steel production in the EU?
2. What alternatives would it recommend to steel producers in Europe, particularly in light of the fact that, until 2022, Russia was a significant supplier of coking coal to the EU and the embargo on Russian coal is expected to lead to a deficit of around 4 million tonnes?
3. Would these alternatives have a lower carbon footprint?

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<sup>1</sup> Commission proposal of 15 December 2021 for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/942 (COM(2021)0805).