

**Question for written answer E-002909/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Withdrawal of energy companies from offshore wind projects

The recent withdrawal of major energy companies such as BP and Shell from offshore wind projects¹ raises important questions about market structure, policy frameworks and the potential risks to public funds in the energy transition.

1. Does the Commission regard the withdrawal of BP and Shell from offshore wind projects as an indication of structural deficiencies, such as cost inflation, supply chain risks and insufficient policy support, which not only hamper the energy transition but also pose risks to the EU's energy security?
2. Is this development a sign of a mature and competitive market, or rather a sign of weakness that brings to the fore the reality that large investments are not leading to the desired results, and does the Commission see this as a warning regarding the huge budgets and ambitions proposed in Mario Draghi's report on the future of European competitiveness?
3. What measures is the Commission taking to ensure that public funds do not face the same risks as private investments made by companies such as BP and Shell, and have specific mechanisms been implemented to limit inefficiencies and financial losses?

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¹ <https://www.ft.com/content/318e9615-e69c-4556-a961-51b52a4d9afe>