

**Question for written answer E-000818/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Replacement of Ukraine with Türkiye as Russian gas transit hub

In January, Russia exported record volumes of natural gas to Europe via the TurkStream pipeline, exceeding 50 million cubic metres (mcm) a day, following the closure of the gas corridor through Ukraine. Türkiye is now the only transit route for Russian gas to Europe after the five-year transit agreement between Russia and Ukraine expired on 1 January and was not renewed. According to data from the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG), in January, Russian gas exports via the TurkStream pipeline increased by 26.8 % year on year. They now stand at 50.6 mcm/day, up from 39.9 mcm/day in January 2024. According to Gazprom data and Reuters calculations, Russia supplied Europe with a total of around 63.8 billion cubic metres (bcm) of natural gas via various routes in 2022. This dropped to 28.3 bcm in 2023 before rising again to around 32 bcm in 2024.

Türkiye is a dictatorial country that is illegally occupying the northern part of the Republic of Cyprus, it attacks neighbouring countries and is responsible for the ethnic cleansing of Christians and Kurds.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Was it its intention from the start to give Türkiye a strategic boost?
2. Does it not consider that the non-renewal of routes for the transit of Russian natural gas through Ukraine has harmed the Ukrainian economy?

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