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Subject: Addressing the financing gap for strategic gas procurement in the EU

Currently, the Member States do not have access to a dedicated EU fund that would allow them to purchase natural gas when market prices are low, in order to meet the legally binding storage targets set by EU legislation. While instruments such as AggregateEU, the Modernisation Fund, REPowerEU and InvestEU offer indirect support – mainly for infrastructure or collective procurement frameworks – they do not provide direct financial assistance for acquiring gas.

This lack of targeted funding places countries with limited fiscal space at a disadvantage. These Member States may struggle to fill their storage facilities in time, especially during periods of favourable prices, which undermines both national and European energy security objectives.

Without a dedicated EU mechanism to support timely gas acquisition, there is a risk of uneven compliance with storage obligations and a missed opportunity to reduce costs through early procurement.

In this context, what measures does the Commission intend to propose to ensure that all Member States – regardless of their fiscal capacity – can afford to purchase gas at the optimal time to meet the EU's storage targets and enhance resilience ahead of future winters?

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